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Court blow for the elderly

'Granny flats' to be charged council tax

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

FAMILIES caring for elderly relatives will be forced to pay separate and additional council tax bills on their "granny flats" after a devastating High Court ruling.

The judgment was attacked yesterday by Age Concern as a slap in the face for thousands of carers who already save the Government huge sums in health and housing costs for the elderly.

The ruling by Mr Justice Ognall, on an appeal by the Inland Revenue, overturned decisions by some valuation offices and tribunals that granny flats should not be considered separate dwellings nor be subject to additional council tax bills.

In a further blow, family carers are likely to have to pay the tax retrospectively to its introduction on April 1, 1993, under the 1992 Local Government Act.

A spokeswoman for Age Concern said: "This will penalise people who are actively embracing the ethos of community care. It is grossly unfair because carers who are saving the Government bills in housing and health are being targeted.

"The back-taxing, too, is ridiculous. The worrying thing is that it is the older person who will be charged to pay the bills on the section of the property in which they are living. People will be horrified to learn they have to pay for three years of council tax. Old people will be severely worried."

In one extraordinary case settled by the High Court, a family in Norfolk claimed afterwards that the total tax outlay for their Band F house and Band A granny flat would be more than that paid by the Queen for Sandringham House near by.

The ruling is also expected to apply to specially-adapted, self-contained accommodation for *au pairs*, servants and even older children of the family. It is understood, however, that granny flats which remain empty will not be subject to the tax.

The Inland Revenue was unable to provide a clear definition yesterday of what constitutes a granny flat or similar accommodation. Sources said it did not necessarily require a separate front-door or lavatory and bathroom. But it had to be "self-contained" and "constructed or adapted for use as separate living accommodation".

Welcoming the ruling on five test cases, a spokeswoman for the Inland Revenue said: "The valuation tribunals in these cases ruled that householders should pay council tax as on one property only. Other tribunals in other cases have thought differently and there has been a variety of decisions. Inland Revenue appealed on a point of law that such cases should be considered two properties because any building that is constructed or adapted for use as separate dwelling accommodation would be banded separately.

"The High Court ruled on a point of law. It was not asked to rule, or could not rule, on whether individual properties were separate or not. These cases will therefore be referred back to the valuation tribunals for a further hearing." But the Inland Revenue accepts that effectively the ruling means that valuation tribunals will be forced into regarding granny flats as separate dwellings for the payment of council tax.

It is understood that whether or not an old person pays rent on a granny flat will have no bearing on his tax liability. Although the 1992 Local Government Act was Environment Department legislation, it was the Inland Revenue which went to court because valuation officers who determine bandings work for the Valuation Office Agency, which comes under the Inland Revenue umbrella.

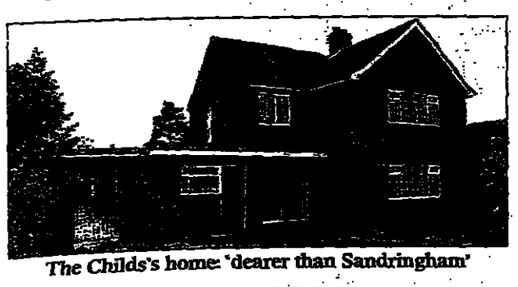
The High Court ruling was attacked by Christopher Childs, a lorry driver and his wife Gill, whose granny flat was one of the test cases.

The couple spent £8,000 six years ago building a ground-floor extension and converting a garage at their home in King's Lynn, Norfolk, to make an annexe for Mr Childs's parents. Local valuation officers insisted Band F council tax should be paid on the three-bedroom house and Band A on the one-bedroom flat used by Kathleen Childs, 70.

Mr Childs, 44, appealed to a valuation tribunal two years ago and got the annexe made tax exempt, but the Inland Revenue had the decision overturned in the High Court. The ruling means Mrs Childs senior, who pays no rent, will have to pay Band A council tax of £375, minus any single person discount, while her son pays £813 for his three-bedroom detached house classed as a Band F property worth between £120,000 and £160,000.

Mrs Childs said it meant their two council tax bills would be more than the Queen pays for Sandringham House, a Band H property worth more than £320,000 with annual tax of £1,107.

A political row was threatened last night and George Foulkes MP, joint chairman of the all-party Pensioners' Committee, said: "This is outrageous. It could set back care of the elderly for decades."



The Childs's home: 'dearer than Sandringham'

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IAN STEWART



Rob Andrew: delighted with his MBE on the eve of Rugby World Cup semi-final

Congratulations, Sir Cliff

BY JILL SHERMAN AND EMMA WILKINS

THE enduring appeal of Cliff Richard over five decades in show business is rewarded today with a knighthood in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

The 54-year-old singer and charity fund-raiser is joined in a rollcall of 1,055 men and women by England rugby player Rob Andrew, who becomes an MBE on the eve of England's semi-final in the Rugby World Cup.

Cliff Richard, the only British pop artist to have hit records in five consecutive decades, is honoured for his services to charity. Last month he led the crowds outside Buckingham Palace on VE Day with a version of his song *Congratulations*.

Show business is well represented this year with awards to actor Alan Bates, singer Elaine Page, the actress and dyslexia campaigner Susan Hampshire, and comedian Norman Wisdom.

A third of the honours list, or 351 awards, was nominated by ordinary members of the public and 40 per cent (or 434 awards) were for voluntary service.



Cliff Richard: knighted for his charity work

Rob Andrew, whose last-minute drop kick against Australia last weekend earned his team a place in the semi-finals against New Zealand, said he was delighted last night.

"It's a great honour for the England team and rugby union," he said. "I am naturally delighted and the England boys will be very happy."

Other sportsmen to win awards include Peter Beardsley, the England football star, who becomes an MBE, and Everton Weekes, one of the "3Ws" who dominated the West Indian batting line-up in the 1950s, who becomes Sir Everton with his appointment as KCMG.

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No change in policy, rebellious Tories told

BY PHILIP WEBSTER IN HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, AND NICHOLAS WOOD

JOHN MAJOR warned rebellious Conservative MPs yesterday that they could not save the Government by driving him out of office.

In an attempt to quell the rising tide of speculation at Westminster about a leadership challenge in the autumn, the Prime Minister declared that there was no "magic ingredient" for producing a Tory recovery.

At the same time, he openly rebuffed calls from the party's backbench 1922 Committee for policy changes, particularly on Europe. He told them he intended to stick to his policies.

His rebuke came after one of his most outspoken critics, John Carlisle, declared: "High Noon for the Prime Minister is probably approaching in days now rather than weeks."

Mr Major, frustrated that again he was finding himself dogged on a foreign trip by his difficulties at home, deliberately made himself available to tackle the issue head on.

Leaving his hotel for yesterday's opening session of the G7 summit in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Mr Major staged a "doorstep" interview for television and newspaper reporters ready to answer questions about events in London. This was a departure from his customary practice of trying to avoid domestic controversy when he is on the international stage.

It reflected the belief Mr Major and his advisers that he could not allow the turmoil inside the Tory parliamentary party to fester on without directly addressing it.

The previous evening, his exasperation with his divided party was clear when in a private conversation with his

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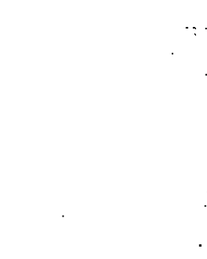
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Share option schemes axed

Both the Yorkshire electricity and water utilities are to scrap share option schemes for their directors. But Yorkshire Electricity revealed a 20.5 per cent rise in pay and perks for Malcolm Chatwin, the chief executive, whose salary of £190,000 is raised to almost £317,000 by bonuses. Page 23

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Major rebuffs Kohl's protest over Brent Spar platform

BY NICK NUTTALL, ROGER BOYES AND PHILIP WEBSTER

HELMUT KOHL, the German Chancellor, was sharply rebuffed by John Major yesterday when he protested about Shell's decision to dump the Brent Spar oil rig in the Atlantic.

The Prime Minister was "collared" by Herr Kohl after the world economy debate at the summit of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations in Halifax, Nova Scotia. British officials said Mr Major had "politely listened" to Herr Kohl, but had maintained the British position "very firmly".

In the North Sea yesterday, two environmentalists were landed by helicopter in a final attempt to reoccupy the obsolete Brent Spar oil platform while Shell, the owner, held talks in London over growing damage to its international image. The helicopter had to dodge spray from water cannon to drop the men on the rig and a third activist was hosed off the deck. A spokeswoman for Greenpeace said the two men would attempt to delay the sinking of the rig for "as long as possible".

Today Greenpeace will intensify its campaign against the deep sea dumping of the platform by picketing 100 of Shell's 2,300 British filling stations. The move mirrors similiar protests in Germany where sales of Shell petrol have reportedly fallen by a fifth in recent days.

A Shell filling station in Hamburg was firebombed yesterday. German police have been asked to watch the company's petrol stations but, with 1,700 scattered throughout Germany, there is no full guarantee of security. "We are simply frightened," said a pump attendant in an almost empty forecourt in Düsseldorf. He and other petrol station managers were considering closing down at night because of the risk of attacks.

Leipzig yesterday became the first German city council to bar its civil servants from signing official supply contracts with Shell. Michael Müller, the Social Democrat environment spokesman, emphasised that the boycott should be extended to Esso, which runs the platform with Shell.

The protests are not limited to ecological groups; even the youth wing of Herr Kohl's

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Bosnian troops cut the Serbs' lifeline

BY STACY SULLIVAN IN SARAJEVO AND MICHAEL EVANS

THE Bosnian Government Army dealt a psychological blow to the Serbs yesterday by attacking their main route between Sarajevo and their stronghold in Pale, and cutting off the road to a Serb corps headquarters at Lukavica in the capital's southwestern suburb.

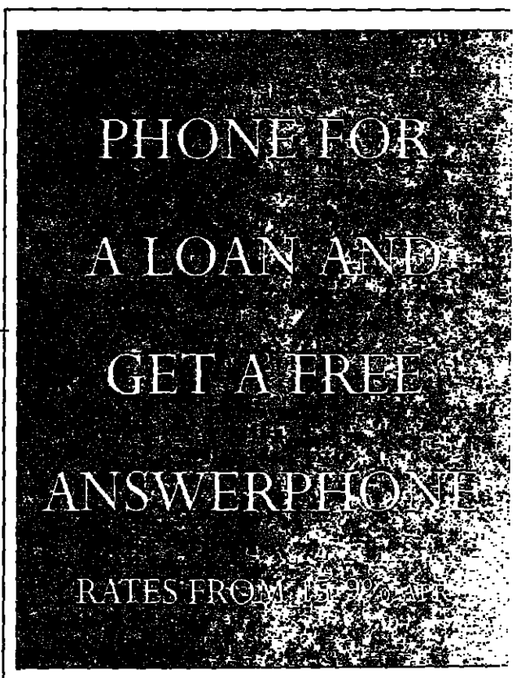
The Bosnian Serbs shelled Sarajevo in retaliation for the second day of the mainly Muslim Government army offensive. Two blasts rocked the centre and a shell hit the city's main Kosevo hospital, killing two patients in their beds.

United Nations sources said the Serbs also launched two rockets on the city, flattening a building near the office of Alija Izetbegovic, the Bosnian President. By late afternoon, the city morgue said they had received 15 bodies, at least six of them soldiers. UN sources highlighted the Muslim assault on the Pale-Lukavica road as a key development. Previous attempts to cut the route had failed.

Yesterday, Government forces broke through Serb lines on Mt Trebevic, a peak outside Sarajevo, and was holding on to the road even though the Serbs responded by firing tank shells. Lukavica, 2½ miles from the city centre, is the garrison town of the Bosnian Serb Army's Sarajevo Romanija corps.

UN sources said the cutting of the road from Pale would have a "psychological impact" on the Serbs. In Pale, all Serb reservists were ordered to report to their units.

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Labour 'will help families to care for the elderly'

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

FAMILIES faced with having to sell off their homes to pay for nursing care for elderly parents can expect extra help from a Labour government. The party's document on health care commits Labour to setting up a top-level inquiry to look into the funding of care for the elderly, after growing concern about the escalating costs.

A Royal Commission will be appointed in the first year of a Labour government which will be expected to report within a year on care of the elderly and other vulnerable groups. Party sources said the inquiry would try to end the uncertainty for people faced with charges that posed a threat to their homes.

The move follows anxiety that government reforms have led to too much reliance on the private sector, with inadequate public provision. The new details of Labour's health plans were disclosed to *The Times* as the party faced a backlash over its decision to abolish key parts of the Tory NHS reforms.

In its report *Rebuilding the NHS*, due to be published next month, Labour proposes scrapping GP fundholding, getting rid of the internal market and taking away much of the autonomy now given to NHS trusts. Trusts will no longer hold their own assets — buildings, equipment and land — which will return to health authority control. However they will manage their day-to-day affairs and hire their own staff.

They will also be given long-term rolling "Comprehensive Service Agreements" to provide a range of services, rather than the present one-year contracts. These agreements will contain "tough targets in both quality and output", according to the document.

The membership of both Trust boards and health authorities will change to reflect community rather than commercial interest. Businessmen on Trust boards will be replaced with those from community and patient groups.

Mrs Bottomley said Labour's plans were very bad news for patients and criticised Margaret Beckett, the shadow health secretary. She said: "Mrs Beckett has pushed ahead with proposals which combine all the worst elements of old Labour socialism and new Labour fudge. These ideas won't wash and they won't work. The new NHS is working: with more patients treated than ever before and waiting times the lowest on record," said Mrs Bottomley. "Labour must not be allowed to ruin it by inflicting turmoil in an ill-judged cause."

Margaret Beckett, the shadow health secretary, later rejected Mrs Bottomley's claims that she was trying to "turn the clock back in the NHS".

She said: "Labour will do nothing of the sort. She wants to pretend there will be a major upheaval when what Labour proposes is sensible reform. Our plans are based on competence and common-sense, not the dogma and destabilisation of the Tories."



Beckett: "sensible"



Peter Krautzig examines the remains of the shop at his Shell station in the Volksdorf district of Hamburg

Major rebuffs Kohl protest over rig

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Christian Democratic Union is urging its members to fill up with fuel elsewhere.

Greenpeace is also staging campaigns against Shell in Luxembourg, Switzerland, The Netherlands and Denmark. Hans Wijers, the Dutch Economics Minister, and Margreet de Boer, the Environment Minister, have declared that they will not buy Shell petrol.

The British Government was bombarded with criticism from German ministers over the Brent Spar oil rig. Tony Nelson, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, was taken aside by Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, and Gunther Rexrodt, the Economics Minister, during a session of finance ministers and given what one official described as a "severe going-over".

Mr Major was, however, planning to tell Herr Kohl that there had been a very full study of the environmental impact of the decision. The Government believed that the way chosen by Shell to deal with the rig was the one that would produce the least harmful effect on the environment.

In a bid to diffuse the growing international row Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister, held a briefing for Dutch and German journalists yesterday.

Officials at the Department of the Environment said they had evidence that the Brent Spar was warped and that it might break up in shallow waters if Shell tried to bring it ashore for recycling. This is the option Greenpeace is demanding.

The rig, which is now 93 miles northwest of the Shetlands, is due to be dumped early next week at one of four government-approved sites.

Jurgens Ulrich of Greenpeace, said: "The two men on the rig are preparing for a long stay. The Brent Spar is being towed at an average speed of two knots and we estimate it will arrive at the dump site at around 17.00 hours on Tuesday if the weather holds."

Heseltine vows loyalty to Major

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fellow world leaders he was heard to concede that 'I am a coalition government on my own."

The Prime Minister's impromptu press conference coincided with an attempt by Mr Major's dwindling band of right-wing allies to stop the bandwagon rolling for a Michael Heseltine takeover.

In a characteristically adroit BBC radio performance, the President of the Board of Trade proclaimed his loyalty to Mr Major without upsetting the uneasy coalition of disaffected right-wingers and panicky moderates who are mobilising in his support.

In contrast to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, who infuriated the Euro-sceptics earlier this week by branding them "right-wing xenophobes", Mr Heseltine said it was "absolutely legitimate" for the executive of the 1922 Committee, as the voice of the parliamentary party, to request policy changes. Mr Heseltine was also careful not to box himself in over a single currency. Asked if he could sit in a Cabinet that said never to a single currency, Mr Heseltine replied: "I am a member of John Major's Cabinet. He has set out the policies which we have all agreed. I am not prepared to deviate in any way from what the Prime Minister has said."

Michael Portillo, the right-wing standard bearer in any leadership contest, said he did not want a challenge to Mr Major. If one arose, the Prime Minister would see it off and lead the party into the next election.

It was also disclosed yesterday that the 18-strong executive of the 1922 committee — the official voice of Conservative backbenchers — is expected to give final approval to the draft proposals for policy changes at its next meeting on Thursday. The main items in the package are demands for cuts in taxes and spending and help for home-owners.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hospital blood test secures conviction

A drink-driving case made legal history yesterday when a blood sample taken by hospital staff was used by police to secure a conviction. Scott Henderson, 20, was convicted at Reading Crown Court of causing death by dangerous driving on the evidence of a sample taken by doctors.

Henderson was unconscious for 10 days in hospital in Swindon after a crash in which his passenger was killed. When he recovered, officers asked his permission to test the hospital sample. He agreed and was found to be three times over the limit. He was sent a young offenders' institution for two years and disqualified for five years.

Tube strike ballot

London Underground train drivers' leaders decided yesterday to hold a ballot on strike action after delegates at Aslef's annual conference instructed the executive committee to reject a 2.75 per cent pay offer. Lew Adams, general secretary, said action on BR, whose drivers are already being balloted, and the Tube should be co-ordinated.

BBC disciplines crew

THE BBC has disciplined a television producer and a freelance reporter working for its satellite news channel BBC World after allegations that they faked scenes of urban decay for a report on the Italian city of Reggio Calabria. Local politicians said they had used tin cans, a condom and a syringe as props in a street scene.

Schoolboy killer freed

A schoolboy who killed his violent father to stop his mother being beaten was freed from court yesterday. The 15-year-old admitted the manslaughter of his father, a judo champion, after stabbing him with a carving knife. The boy was given a three-year supervision order by Cardiff Crown Court and sent on a supervised activity programme.

Stonehenge closed off

A special order giving police powers to stop New Age travellers or other groups from reaching Stonehenge to celebrate the summer solstice comes into effect tonight. The order, issued under the Criminal Justice Act, creates a four-mile exclusion zone. Wiltshire Police have cancelled leave and are keeping officers on standby until June 21.

$700m fraud uncovered

Fraud detectives working with the FBI in Boston have seized forged gold and silver deposit certificates with a face value of more than $700 million (£440 million). The certificates are being linked to possible frauds on American banks and were found by Northamptonshire officers at a house in the east of the county.

First woman trainer

The British Boxing Board of Control has granted a boxing trainer's licence to a woman for the first time. Babs Spear, 41, from Brunton, Devon, who is 5ft 2in, trains Richie Wenton, 27, a super bantamweight champion. She said: "I know I will be up against some animosity because I am a woman in a man's game."



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Prince's trail leads from English public school to Hebridean island

Museum's sleuths track down Young Pretender's tartan

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

EIGHT years of painstaking detective work by curators at the National Museum of Scotland have resulted in the tracing and reconstruction of the tartan worn by Bonnie Prince Charlie after his flight from Culloden.

The blue-green tartan, with red, black and yellow stripes, is different from any of those known today, which were introduced in the 19th century. It has been adopted as the official badge for the new Museum of Scotland.

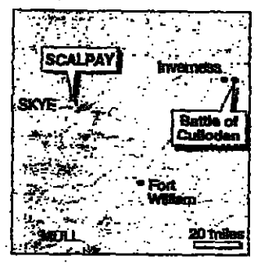
The authentication of the Prince's tartan led museum staff on a trail across Scotland. But it all started in England.

Hugh Cheape, the museum's Scottish curator, was asked in 1987 to authenticate a piece of tartan in the archives of Stonyhurst College in Lancashire.

"Initially I was sceptical as relics of this sort are always turning up at the museum. There was a piece of paper with the cloth stating it was part of a kilt left by Bonnie Prince Charlie on the Island of Glass on April 30, 1746. That was interesting because it gave us a firm date."

Mr Cheape decided that the island must be the Hebridean island of Scalpay, known as Eilean Glas in Gaelic, and discovered that the Prince had sought shelter there with a taxman called Campbell.

There was also documentary evidence that the Prince had been given a "suite of cloaths" at the first house at which he arrived, dishevelled and bedraggled, after fleeing the battlefield of Culloden Moor where 2,000 Jacobite followers were slain on April 16. This was the home of the MacDonalds of Borrodale. Catriona MacDonald, who came from the clan MacGregor, welcomed the Prince into her home on the same day she learnt her eldest son had been killed in the battle.



She was aware of the consequences of harbouring Prince Charles Edward Stuart, the Young Pretender, but the rules of Highland hospitality ensured him a bed at her house. Several days after he left, government forces razed her house.

The Prince fled with his new clothes to the Hebrides. Mr Cheape said that although Campbell of Scalpay was a taxman and a probably a supporter of the Government, again the rules of Highland hospitality prevailed. He was reported to the authorities by the minister on the island for harbouring the Prince but when the King's men arrived to arrest him they were unable to get off the boat. Campbell, threatening to "split them in twain", told the soldiers he was bound by the unwritten rules of hospitality to look after any man who came to his door in need.

The scrap of tartan is believed to be from the kilt given to the Prince by Catriona MacDonald and left at the house of Campbell. It was analysed by Dr Anita Quye of the museum's conservation unit who identified the dyes in the tartan using liquid chromatography and spectroscopy. All the dyes are natural ones used in the 18th century.

A reconstruction of the tartan has been made from Dr Quye's work. "It's not completely out of the ordinary but it does not match any of the other clan tartans we know, which is what you would expect if it were genuine," Mr Cheape said.

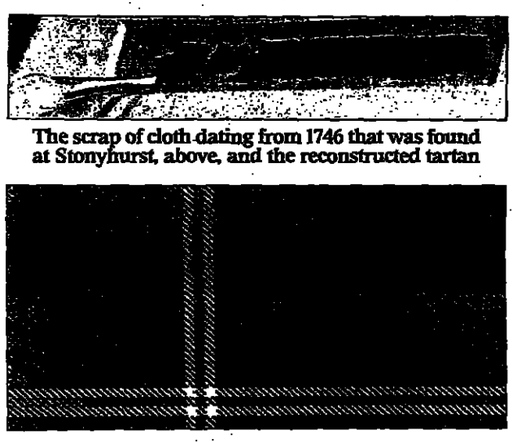
As he was finishing his research, Mr Cheape was sent a second scrap of the same tartan from a family in Southhampton. It was from the same cloth as the original piece and with it was the identical note. It also proved to be authentic. "It came completely out of the blue and it was electrifying," Mr Cheape said.

Today's clan tartans became fashionable in late Georgian and early Victorian times. But there is ample evidence that tartan or plaid has played an important part in Scottish dress since Roman times.

The turning point in its history was its prohibition from Culloden until 1782 when, largely due to the efforts of the Highland Society of London, the ban was lifted.

In 1815, the society wrote to clan chiefs and invited them to send a signed and sealed sample of their tartans to the society, and so a collection of clan tartan was formed.

The Prince's tartan, with the original fragments and other relics, goes on display in Edinburgh this week.



The scrap of cloth dating from 1746 that was found at Stonyhurst, above, and the reconstructed tartan

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NATIONAL GALLERIES OF SCOTLAND



Bonnie Prince Charlie, who fled from Culloden Moor to the island of Scalpay

Woman loses leg blowing farewell kiss

By Jennai Cox

A WOMAN who fell under a train as she gave her boyfriend a goodbye kiss was on a life-support machine last night after having her right leg amputated at the hip.

Jennifer Dean, 33, tried to hold on to her boyfriend and run alongside the Cardiff train as it pulled out of Paddington station late on Thursday night. She slipped on the platform and fell underneath the train.

A doctor travelling on the train gave her emergency treatment on the track and administered pain killers before paramedics arrived. A surgeon was called to the scene but the woman was not operated on immediately. Miss Dean, who works for a charity in London, remained conscious throughout the rescue operation.

Sara Oladele, 27, a British Rail employee, said: "I could see the woman half lying on the track. It must have been agony.

"There were a lot of people standing around. I even heard some passengers complaining about the fact the train had been held up. I don't think they realised exactly what had happened."

A fire rescue team took 45 minutes to lift the carriage from the track while London Ambulance staff gave Miss Dean blood transfusions and anaesthetics. She was admitted to St Mary's Hospital early yesterday morning. Adrian Fogarty, a member of St Mary's accident and emergency flying squad who was at the scene, said: "There was absolutely no hope of saving her leg. She probably does not know about it. I do not know if she will walk again, it is too early to say."

Her parents, Annette and John Dean, who live in York, were at her bedside. Miss Dean's boyfriend was also treated at the hospital for shock but has been discharged.

Inspector Kevin Walker of the British Transport Police said the train stopped within 30 yards after British Rail staff alerted the guard, but the woman's legs had already become trapped under a wheel of the InterCity train's second carriage.

The driver of the train was sent off duty immediately and is expected to receive counselling.

Great Western, which runs the track, and Great Western Trains have started inquiries into the accident which comes after similar incidents at Tilbury station and the Underground at Victoria last month. Strict procedures govern the signalling of trains leaving platforms, according to the train operators. Inquiries will be completed in about two weeks.

The Health and Safety Executive will consider further investigation once it has seen the report.

Casino loser is jailed for car-park rampage

A LORRY-DRIVER who lost heavily at a casino and took his revenge by driving his 40ft truck over every vehicle in the car park was jailed for 18 months yesterday (writes Lucy Berrington).

David Haughton, 30, careered round the car park, demolishing vehicles in a drunken fury after gambling away £7,000 in a year, Preston Crown Court was told. Lancashire police estimated the damage at over £100,000.

The court was told that Haughton had lost £800 over two nights last December at the casino on a Blackpool promenade. Samantha Birtles, for the prosecution, said Haughton had been ejected from the premises by staff after asking another gambler to lend him money. He took a taxi to Fleetwood, where his lorry was parked. He drank a bottle of wine, and then drove back to the casino.

Miss Birtles said: "He was three times over the drink-drive limit. He drove into four cars and then proceeded around the car park, hitting more. Some vehicles were shunted into others and some became trapped. In all, 24 were damaged."



Haughton: lost £7,000

Stephen Rothwell, for the defence, said Haughton had since joined Gamblers' Anonymous. His behaviour had been a "cry for help".

Miss Birtles said: "At first, he had thought of reversing the lorry through the casino kitchen window but did not want to be up on a manslaughter charge. Fortunately, he checked there was no one in the cars before he rammed them. He told police he thought he had hit 35 cars."

Haughton, of Fleetwood, who admitted recklessly intending to damage cars, damaging a heavy goods vehicle, drink-driving and driving without insurance, was disqualified for a year.

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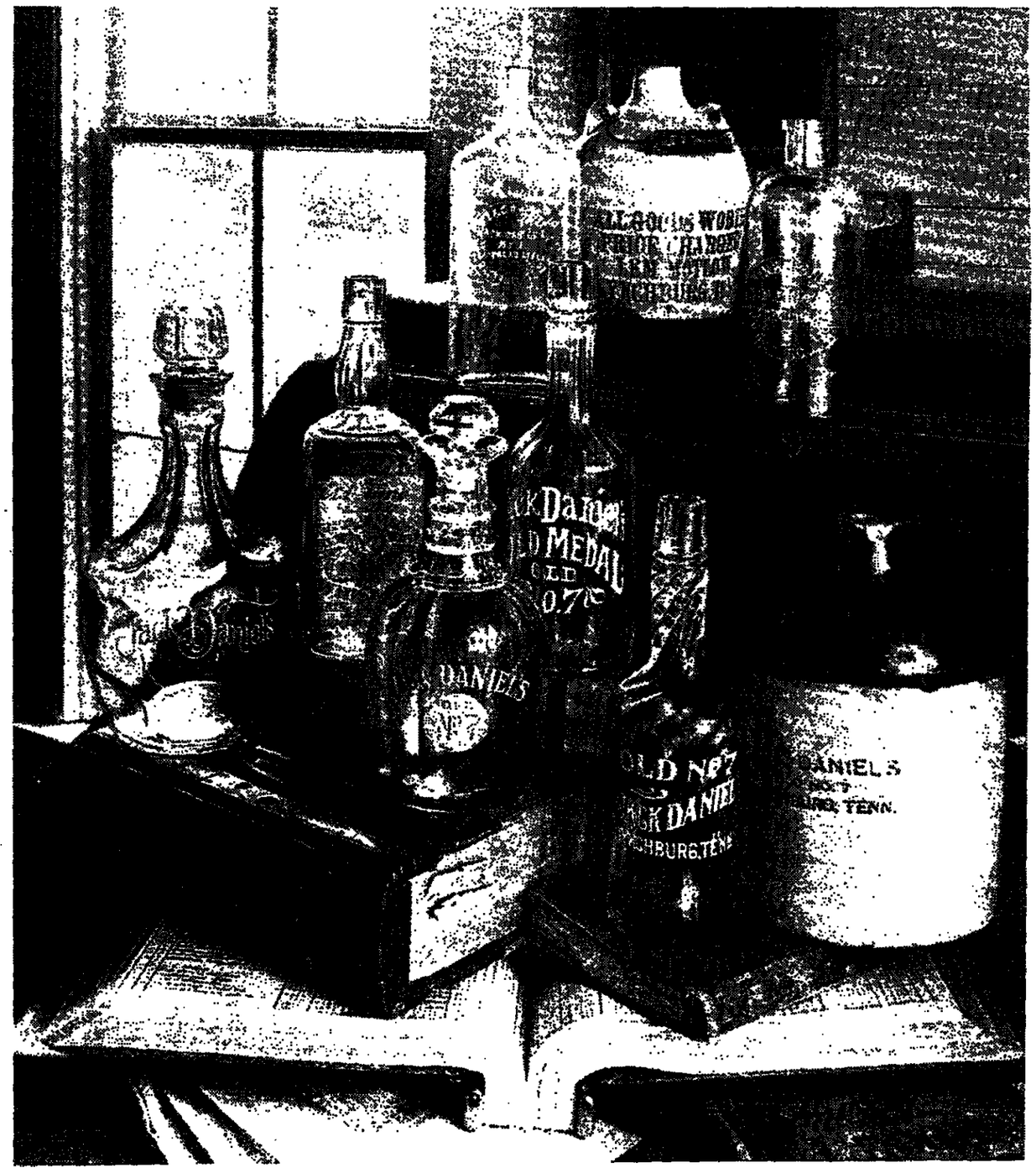
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High Court test case could cost councils £70 million

Disabled pensioners win community care battle

ADRIAN BROOKS

By Ian Murray, Community Correspondent

FIVE disabled pensioners won the first round in their fight to force the Government to increase community-care funding when the High Court ruled yesterday that a council broke the law when it withdrew services from them simply to save money.

The test case is likely to cost local authorities across the country about £70 million at a time when they claim they are £200 million short of the money they need to fund community care. "We are going to take this judgment and use it to beat loudly on Virginia Bottomley's door to demand more money," said Derek Vizor, 62, the wheelchair-bound former paratrooper who is chairman of the pressure group Voice of the Disabled, which brought the case against Gloucestershire County Council.

"This is the first step in a long ladder," he said. "We have to use emotive issues to make Mrs Bottomley understand that there must be proper provision for the disabled. Unless there is, people will die if services they rely on are withdrawn because there is no money to fund them."

In his judgment yesterday Lord Justice McCowan said the council had broken the law in withdrawing agreed care services from the five people without reassessing the need for them. "Once they have decided that it is necessary to make the arrangements, they are under an absolute duty to make them," he said. "Once under that duty, resources do not come into it."

However, he understood the position of Gloucestershire, which had argued that because its government grant had been cut by £3 million it had been forced to make savings in community care. "In assessing need, those doing so will inevitably compare the extent of the disabilities concerned in order to arrive at who needs help more. That comparative exercise is obviously related to resources. Indeed it seems, to me that a local authority faces an impossible task unless they can have regard to the size of the cake."

The judge said that resources therefore could be taken into account by an authority when it assessed or reassessed the need of a disabled person for help. "A balancing exercise must be carried out, assessing the particular needs of that person in the context of the needs of others and the resources available."

Deryk Mead, Gloucestershire's director of social services, said the judgment meant he would have to restore services to the 1,500 disabled people in the county who had had them withdrawn and then reassess their needs at a cost of £40 each. "That will cost around £400,000 I do not have. I would rather spend money on services than on reassessments, but we have no choice.

"People with disabilities are rightly demanding that their needs are met and I have only a certain amount of money. Community care has become a victim of its own success, with more and more people seeking their entitlements."



Derek Vizor, chairman of the disability pressure group that took Gloucestershire council to court

He added that the council hoped the case would draw attention to "the need for proper community-care funding".

John Ransford, of the Association of Directors of Social Service, said the judgment was consistent with ministry guidance on how community care should operate.

"You have to make sure you take resources into account when taking decisions," he said. "The trouble is that community care is not a cheap option and pushes up both expectations and costs. There is real concern that there simply aren't enough funds to provide a proper service and this is something we will be discussing with government."

Scientists hopeful of one-shot diabetes therapy

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

CANADIAN doctors are planning to inject diabetic patients with cells from the pancreas of pigs after experiments on animals showed that a single such injection can dispense with the need for daily insulin shots.

Dr David Zhou of the University of Toronto told the US Endocrine Society's annual meeting in Washington that diabetic monkeys had been able to survive for two years without insulin after being injected with pig cells from the islets of Langerhans, the organ that makes insulin.

Transplants of human islet cells have been tried in the past but supplies are limited. The Toronto team is sufficiently encouraged by the pig experiments to propose extending the research to a small group of volunteers in Canada and China. "We are very confident," Dr Zhou said. There may be 175,000 people in Britain with insulin-dependent diabetes.

To prevent the monkeys' immune system reacting against the pig cells, the implants were enclosed in a membrane made of a seaweed extract before being injected into the stomach. Blood tests showed that the monkeys started to produce insulin.

The American Diabetes Association was cautious. "It's encouraging," Dr Richard Kahn, its chief scientist, said, "but it's not unusual for these things to run into problems. I think we're some time away from saying we've got it."

Lords may rule on £390m 'social life' benefits

By Catherine Milton, Social Services Correspondent

THE Government is studying a judgment by the Court of Appeal that could add as much as £390 million to the annual social security bill, which already costs each taxpayer more than £15 a day.

The Court of Appeal ruled on Wednesday that there was no legal reason why a deaf woman, Rebecca Halliday, 20, a nursery nurse, could not claim state help towards the cost of social activities. The ruling clears the way for similar claims from disabled people who need help to enjoy normal social lives.

The Social Security Department is considering an appeal to the Lords. A spokeswoman for the department said: "We are still looking at the judgment. The policy aim of the benefits is to contribute to some of the extra care costs of severely disabled people, not to compensate for the disability."

David Thomas, legal officer of the Child Poverty Action Group, which backed Ms Halliday, said: "As a society we have a responsibility to help disabled people live as full and enriching lives as possible. Living with a disability is an expensive business."

The Social Security Department has been trying to fend off a series of such claims since early last year. In April last year the Lords ruled that Eric Mallinson, a 50-year-old blind man, was entitled to claim £31.20 a week for general help with everyday activities. The Government responded by issuing guidelines that benefits officials should disregard claimants' needs for financial help with domestic, social and recreational activities. Ms Halliday appealed to the Social Security Commissioner who ruled that social activities could be taken into account, and now the Government has been defeated in the Court of Appeal.

A spokeswoman for the department said that more than 1,600 people had claimed benefit after last year's rulings. She said the department had no estimate of the numbers now likely to be eligible. Welfare rights campaigners are wary of giving out figures for fear of prompting a toughening of the law. But they admit that if only the 109,000 blind people and 160,000 deaf people who are conservatively estimated to be eligible claim the benefit, the total bill will be £390 million a year.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man killed wife with tea towel

A former police chief inspector strangled his wife with a tea towel after 42 years of marriage. Sidney Blamires, 64, of Northallerton, North Yorkshire, was ordered to be detained indefinitely at a psychiatric hospital for killing his wife Eva, 63.

Store fined

A Comet store in Brislington was fined £15,000 by Bristol magistrates after a display oven fell on a girl, 3, who suffered severe bruising. Three weeks later other ovens had not been secured.

Strapped for cash

A man was arrested as he boarded an aircraft at Gatwick bound for Jamaica with £106,500 strapped to his legs. Customs officers believe the cash, in US dollars, came from drug dealing.

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Plans to restore the Basingstoke Canal from Basing House to Greywell at a cost of up to £30 million have been dropped by Basingstoke council after protests from people living on the route.

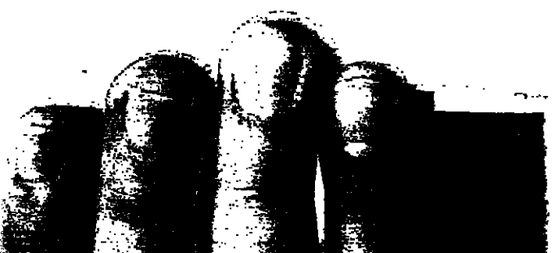
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CAR 95

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Lawyers are going to have to change, says Lord Woolf in his reform of 'too expensive' civil hearings

Judges told to deliver cheap and fast justice

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A RADICAL change in the approach of judges and lawyers was called for by Lord Woolf, the law lord, yesterday to remedy the huge problems of cost, delay, complexity and inequality in the civil justice system.

In an interview with *The Times* to coincide with publication of his landmark report on civil justice, Lord Woolf signalled the need for what amounts to a cultural revolution to open access to the civil courts.

"The key to the whole thing is to recognise that justice is not an abstract quality; it has got to be proportionate — within the means of the parties — and expeditious."

The present "unmanaged" system had become too expensive and complicated; took too long and was unfair. Thousands of people were denied access to the courts because the cost was disproportionate to their claims, he said. For judges, the reforms will mean a fundamentally new approach, heralded last year by the Lord Chief Justice in guidelines to judges on case management. Judges will become the driving force in the new system, taking control of cases away from lawyers and litigants.

At the heart of Lord Woolf's proposals — the biggest shake-up in civil justice for more than a century — is the notion of judges as active "trial managers", dictating the pace of cases.

But the change is not just one of attitude. Judges will have new or wider powers to knock litigants' heads together and encourage settlement, or strike out unworthy actions or settle cases summarily. New rules will make judges responsible for controlling costs; for keeping cases moving and ensuring "equality between the litigants".

The rules would make clear that judges must "look at justice in a pragmatic way and realise that if it is too slow or too complicated it is not just", Lord Woolf said. "I believe judges will want to do this. If their responsibilities are set out clearly, they will do it."

From the outset, judges will take charge of managing a case, state what they want to hear and not allow unnecessary steps — for instance disclosure of further documents — that are not justified by the claim in dispute. Lawyers, too, will have to change, Lord Woolf added. Hourly rates of City of London lawyers were higher than those in New York, although they might use fewer lawyers on a particular task. Overall, the British system compares with America's when it comes to cost.

"Lawyers are going to have to change ... to become more cost-conscious," he said. "I do believe there are cheaper ways of doing things than we do at present. If the court takes control, we will be able to do things in a cheaper way."

The aim is to keep the best of the adversarial system, while getting away from the tradition in which "people put all their resources into the fight and leave no stone unturned" for fear of endangering the final victory.

A key feature is the new a simple fast-track system, where claims of up to £10,000 will be heard within 20-30 weeks and costs capped. With the expanded small claims court (up to £3,000), these two will take on "by far the majority of the claims" and *people will obtain "what I believe they want*: speedy resolution of the issues at *reasonable cost*".

Curbing costs is another key principle. Lord Woolf *wants people to be told likely* costs at the start and as they go. Costs can be more than *100 per cent of the sum at* issue; and are correspondingly higher with small claims, he said.

"This is very important. I want clients to be in a better *position to assess the cost they* want to pay ... there is no reason why they can't be told the cost for conducting a piece of litigation."

He is also tackling the inequality of power between the parties, where people find themselves dragged into court to defend claims at huge cost. Both plaintiff and defendant will now have a chance to make an offer to settle through a payment into court.

If the other side refuses, and then loses, they will end up paying the costs with interest. Critics have said the reforms, particularly those to help "do it yourself" claimants, will clog up the courts. But yesterday Lord Woolf rejected that view. Many more cases than now will *settle before trial*, he predicted.

Judges would encourage *litigants to look to other ways* of settling disputes such as mediation or alternative *dispute resolution; will seek to* encourage earlier settlement; and if cases did reach trial, *judges would have powers to* strike out unworthy actions and penalise unreasonable *litigants through* costs.

They will also be able to give summary judgment on a case or *one part of it, leaving* only the "core" to go to trial. "I don't want to get a situation where, if *something* goes wrong, people litigate," he said. "But if people have a genuine claim, they must be able to pursue it."

With Lord Mackay's clear backing he predicts that he will succeed in tackling civil justice where others have failed. Lawyers now accepted that "we can't go on as we are at present". Second, he was "fortunate" in having power to draft the rules to bring the reforms into effect. "I am confident that in a few years the system will be very different from what it is now."

SIMON WALKER



Lord Woolf: "If justice is too slow or too complicated it is not just. There are cheaper ways of doing things"

Mackay pledges action on fast-track courts system

BY FRANCES GIBB

THE biggest shake-up in civil justice for more than a century won swift government backing yesterday when the Lord Chancellor signalled immediate action on some key reforms.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern said he would be raising the limit on the small claims arbitration procedure to £3,000, enabling thousands more disputes to be dealt with *more simply and cheaply.*

The Lord Chancellor, commenting on the landmark *report on civil justice by Lord* Woolf published yesterday, also said he favoured the proposed "fast track" for disputes of up to £10,000, where costs will be capped, trials heard in 20-30 weeks and hearings fixed at three hours.

The proposals envisage a radical overhaul of the civil courts, with the creation of a post of Head of Civil Justice and a three-track system for cases depending on complexity. Judges are to become trial managers, taking charge of cases from the outset and imposing timetables; and solicitors would have to inform clients of likely costs as the case proceeds.

Lord Woolf, who is midway throught a two-year review of civil justice, said: "Our system of justice is not equipped to meet the needs of ordinary citizens or of business as we *approach the 21st century.* It is too slow, too complicated and above all, too expensive." He added: "A system which pays more in lawyers' fees than in compensation to accident victims is indefensible."

The report drew a broad welcome. Lord Mackay said it contained "some imaginative and far-reaching proposals". "I am anxious to maintain the momentum generated by Lord Woolf's review", he added.

But Lord Mackay, who appointed Lord Woolf to inquire into civil justice last March, made clear that he would would first want discussions "at the earliest possible opportunity" with the judiciary, who were to assume a key role in "taking matters forward". The report is aimed at tackling the costs, delays and complexities of the present system and at *ending the culture where* litigation is "too often seen as a battlefield where no rules apply" and "questions of expense, delay, compromise and *fairness have a low priority*".

"The consequence is that expense is often excessive, disproportionate and unpredictable; and delay is frequently unreasonable," the report says. In 1994, High Court cases took on average 163 weeks in London and 189 outside to reach trial. In the county courts the figure was 80 weeks. For the majority of cases, such figures are "unacceptable," the report says. The report recommends a three-track civil system with a single entry point, headed by a senior judge in a new post of a Head of Civil Justice.

At present there is no single person co-ordinating what happened in the civil courts, from the High Court through to the county courts. Lord Woolf said yesterday. Most cases will either go through the expanded new small claims court (up to £3,000) or into the new fast track (up to £10,000,) where there will be no calling of expert witnesses.

There will be a multi-track for cases over £10,000, to be handled by teams of judges, with the district judge acting as team manager and allocating cases to the right level of court. More help will be given to litigants in person (DIY claimants) through advice bureaux and court staff; and judges will be encouraged to help them to present their cases.

The report wants more use of technology. Lord Woolf accepted this would be costly in the short term but in the long term would make for "colossal" savings. "If you go to the county court, the way documents are handled is Kafkaesque," he said. "Files spilling documents out — staff forced to try and cope — and all this can be recorded on computer."

A key principle is to encourage settlement. Both parties will be able to make offers to settle at any stage, relating to the whole case or one issue; judges will have powers to settle cases or issues without a full trial; and will have to advise on alternative ways of resolving disputes, such as mediation.

KEY PROPOSALS

- **Small claims court expanded to take claims up to £3,000**
- **Fast track for cases up to £10,000 including personal injury claims with capped costs and fixed hearings**
- **New multi-track for cases above £10,000, providing "hands-on" management by teams of judges for the heaviest cases**
- **New post of Head of Civil Justice to run all civil courts as single system. Post to be filled by senior judge**
- **More use of technology, with laptops for all judges and video conference facilities**
- **Judges to be trial managers controlling timetables and disclosure of documents**
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An evening of socialising unites Protestants and Catholics across city's peace lines

Clubmen oil the wheels of friendship in Belfast

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE handshakes were a little awkward and the stilted smiles betrayed the men's trepidation at venturing across Belfast's peace lines. By the end of the evening, Protestants and Catholics had to be prised apart after sinking their differences in a night of friendly drinking.

In a move unthinkable a few months ago, hundreds of men from loyalist and republican heartlands of Belfast crossed the city on Thursday night as part of Clubs Together Day. Protestant welders from the Harland and Wolff shipyard in East Belfast played football against Catholics in West Belfast; Catholics from the hardline Ardoyne area of North Belfast travelled less than a mile to a social club off the loyalist Shankill Road.

All the men, from unemployed teenagers in tatty clothes to leading community members sporting club blazers, were determined to make the evening work. Some of their more sceptical friends stayed at home but those who turned out described the evening as a brave way of breaking down barriers.

At closing time at the loyalist Mountainview Social Club off Shankill Road, some of the Catholic visitors were reluctant to leave as their bus driver called to take them back to Ardoyne. One elderly man stumbled round the bar to say goodbye to his new drinking companions; others embraced each other warmly.

Raymond Doherty, from Ardoyne, who drank in a corner with Protestants, said the evening was "brilliant". Asked whether he had ever travelled the 1,000 yards from his club, the Crumlin Star, to Mountainview, he said: "Are you kidding? I would only have come here in a bullet-proof car before the ceasefire."

Harry Majorey, the chairman of Mountainview, said he hoped the new friendships would last. "We were a wee bit apprehensive. But everything went well."

The socialising between Protestants and Catholics from the Shankill and Ardoyne was all the more remarkable because of the mutual loathing between the two communities that plunged to new depths after the IRA bombing on Shankill Road in October 1993.

However Charlie Butler, who lost three relatives in the bombing, was eager to take part in the cross-community socialising. Mr Butler, 41, travelled from the Shankill to the Catholic Dockers' Club with a group of friends who included Hugh Smyth, the former Lord Mayor of Belfast and leader of the Progressive Unionists, the fringe loyalist party.

The evening was more subdued than the noisy drinking at the Mountainview, although Catholics cheered as Mr Smyth sang two soothing love songs. Mr Butler said: "By being here we are taking a small step. I didn't think I would see this even two weeks ago. But hopefully some good will come out of it."

At the Donegal Celtic Football Club in republican West Belfast, the warmth of the evening did nothing to diminish the players' determination on the field as the home team took on the Harland and Wolff Welders' Club. The welders lost 2-0 but only after a brave display against a team with an impressive record in Belfast's football leagues.

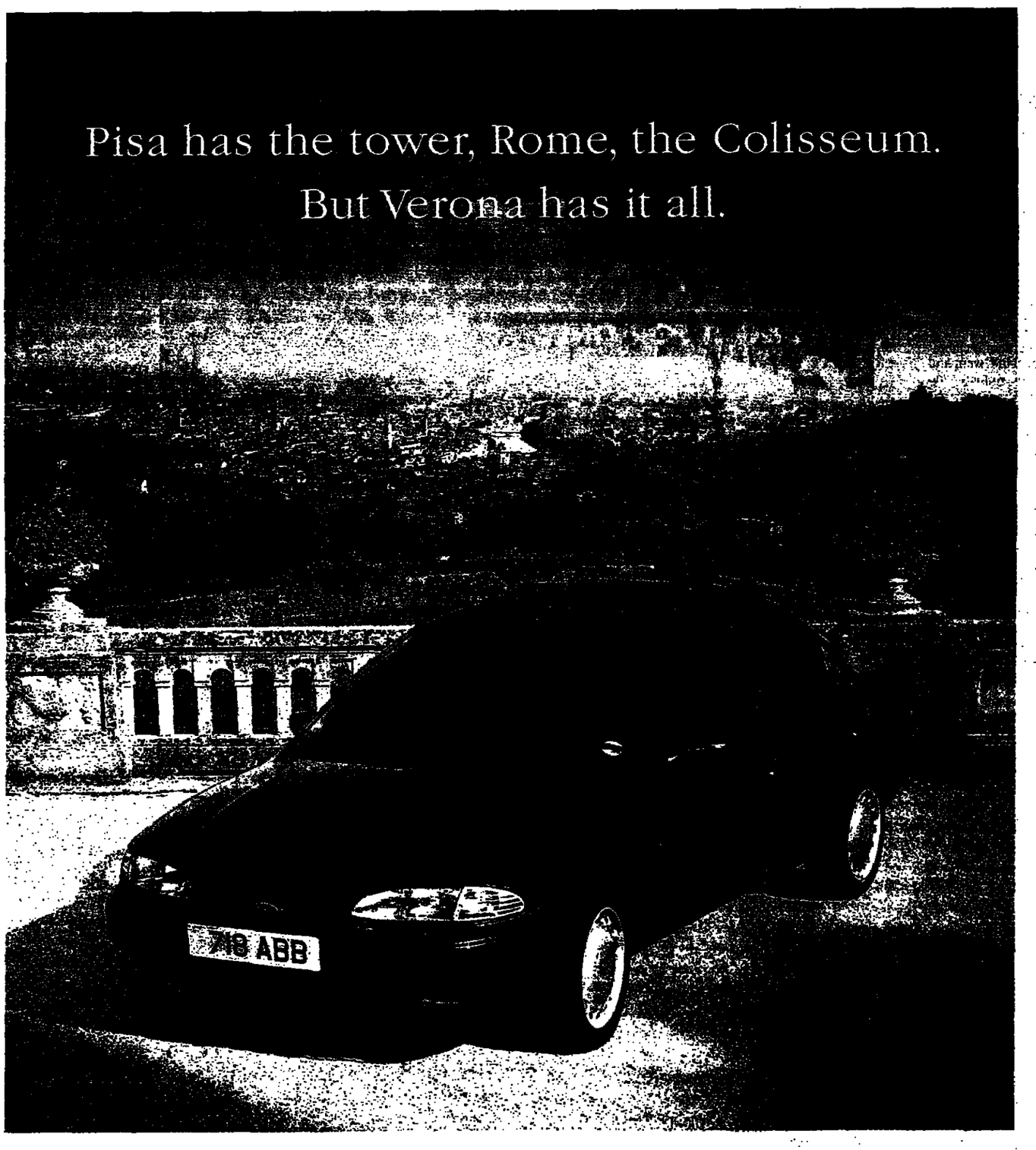
John Davidson, treasurer of the welders' club and chairman of the Northern Ireland Federation of Clubs, which organised the evening, described it as a "shot in the arm" for the peace process. He added: "This has been a great opportunity to bring down barriers on the estates and in people's minds. It has been an adventurous undertaking and people must be congratulated for their bravery."

At the bar, a group of Harland and Wolff welders joked with local Catholic teenagers. The welders, who were kitted out in their club's dark blazers, looked slightly out of place next to the teenagers in jeans and T-shirts. But as Thomas Wilson, one of the Harland and Wolff men, said: "We've had a great banter and joke with the lads."

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Old enmities were set aside around a few pints at the Mountainview Social Club



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By-election victor calls for Union to be redefined

BY NICHOLAS WATT

ROBERT McCARTNEY, the independent Unionist who won the North Down by-election, declared yesterday that his victory would change the political landscape of Northern Ireland. The new MP, who campaigned against the Anglo-Irish framework document on an anti-sectarian ticket, said his election showed the need for the Union to be redefined.

In a victory speech in the early hours of yesterday morning Mr McCartney, who stood as a United Kingdom Unionist, said: "The Union must be redefined so that it is no longer an exclusive Union for some and from which others are excluded. It must be a Union for everyone in which that cherished phrase, civil and religious liberty, must become civil and religious liberty for all and not just for some."

His victory will have unsettled both the Government and the Ulster Unionists after his campaign claims that an indifferent Government wants to disengage from Northern Ireland and an outdated and weak Unionist leadership has failed to prevent the slide.

After his speech Mr McCartney, 59, launched a stinging attack on James Molyneaux for failing to challenge government policy on Ulster. Asked if the Ulster Unionist leader should resign, Mr McCartney said: "I would hope that the message conveyed by this result will have an accelerating part to play in that process."

Mr Molyneaux, 74, has come under strong pressure within his party to resign since the Government ignored his objections to February's framework document.

Mr Molyneaux, whose candidate Alan McFarland came second in the poll, said the people of North Down had voted for Mr McCartney because it had suffered less from terrorists attacks. The result was a devastating blow to the Conservatives, whose vote collapsed by nearly 30 percentage points.

DOWN NORTH

R McCartney (UK Unionist)	10,124
A McFarland (UUP)	7,232
Sir O Napier (All)	6,970
A Chambers (Ind Unionist)	2,170
S Sexton (Con)	583
M Brooks (Free Para Lee Clegg Now)	106
C Carter (Ulster's Ind Voice)	101
J Anderson (Nat Law Party)	100
Majority	2,892
Turnout	38.7%

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McCartney: unsettling

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Ten-mile traffic jams and unseasonal weather conspire to give Britain the summertime blues

Motorists facing 'absolute chaos' in M5 roadworks

By Jonathan Prynn
Transport Correspondent

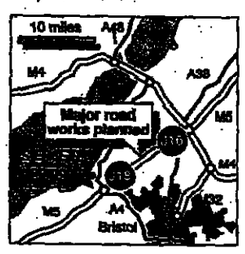
THE main route to the West Country is likely to be clogged by massive traffic jams this summer as work starts on Britain's biggest motorway roadworks.

Motoring organisation have warned holidaymakers of "absolute chaos" on the M5, the main route to Devon and Cornwall, from now until the end of July. The work is unlikely to be finished by the time schools break up.

Local businesses fear that the crucial summer tourist trade could be plunged back into crisis after picking up last year. Nine out of ten visitors to the region travel by car.

Mick Campbell, a spokesman for the Highways Agency, said the tarmacadam had to be kept at a high temperature before being laid, making it impossible to carry out the work at more convenient times of year.

The work affects a ten-mile stretch of the motorway near Bristol. Two-and-a-half miles are being resurfaced at the same time as work continues on the £130 million link roads to the second Severn Crossing.



The maze of roadworks has already been blamed for a 20-mile jam at Easter.

The contractors will be fined £7,000 a day for finishing late and the same amount in bonuses if the work is completed ahead of schedule.

Simon Hawkins of AA Roadwatch warned motorists bound for the West Country during the day that there was no way they could avoid the jams. The alternative was to travel at night when the motorway was at its least busy.

☐ Fifteen motorway service stations were sold by the Government yesterday in a deal that could revolutionise the quality of food and facilities available to long-distance drivers. More than 600 investors ranging from City institutions to private individuals made inquiries about buying the freeholds, of which 40 submitted formal bids.

The contracts were awarded to the highest bidders by the Highways Agency yesterday, but the buyers' identities were not revealed.

The sites are currently operated on 35-year leases. John Organ of Healey and Baker, the estate agents who handled the sale, said the values of the freeholds could quadruple over that period.

Last month a Department of Transport survey found that motorists thought that British motorway services were expensive and of poor quality.

Burger King hamburger bars have recently been introduced in Granada stations and McDonald's is holding talks with Forte. The first American-style diner opened earlier this year at Junction 10 of the M42 and a brasserie is planned for Leigh Delamere services on the M4.

The 15 stations are all in the North of England, on the M6, A1 (M), M62, M61, M42 and M1. Fifteen stations in the south will be sold later in the year. The final 17 will be sold in due course.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Hardly cricket: hardy spectators wrapped up warm and made sure they took their Thermos flasks to watch Northamptonshire against Essex at Luton yesterday

Sunseekers head south in season of discontent

By Harvey Elliott, Travel Correspondent

ONE of the gloomiest early summers on record continues unabated with more rain and cloud forecast for this weekend.

Average temperatures in London have been at least eight degrees below normal so far this month — 10.5C on average instead of the normal 19C — and the sun has shone for only an average of 2½ hours a day compared with the normal June average of 6½ hours.

There is no immediate prospect of any improvement, according to the London Weather Centre. "It really is hardly summer weather at all," a senior forecaster said. "It is certainly not a summer for the faint hearted."

Today most of the country will have wind rain and tomorrow there will be showers almost everywhere. It will continue to be cool, except in the West where the best of the weather has been concentated so far this month.

The dank conditions seem likely to go on for the foreseeable future as squalls rise in the Atlantic. It has proved too much for many who have flocked into travel agents asking to be flown to the sun.

Holiday companies say that sales have shot up since the poor weather began. "Since the beginning of June we have sold 50 per cent more holidays than last year," Lucinda Hicks, marketing director of Portland Holidays, said. "Poor weather at home is the main reason — people are desperate for some sun."

Many have taken an impulsive week off work and travel agents say they often do not care where they are going, as long as it is away from the cloud and rain.

Those who have decided to go away can find many cut-price offers. The industry is desperate to off-load almost three million unsold summer packages for which it has paid. That is why so many bargains are being advertised so close to the peak season.

Bookmakers, who can often be more accurate than even the most sophisticated weather forecaster obviously know a thing or two about the weather for the rest of the month at least. William Hill has cut the odds on rain interrupting play every day on the Centre Court during Wimbledon fortnight from 50-1 to 33-1 and lengthened the odds about its remaining completely dry from 12-1 to 16-1.

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Park rape victim returns

By Lin Jenkins

THE young mother raped at knifepoint after being forced into Regent's Park revisited the scene with police yesterday.

Detectives believe the attack took place near an open-air theatre where there was a press preview of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The 24-year-old secretary, who lives with her husband and three-year-old son in east London, was abducted from a telephone box at Great Portland Street Underground station as she tried to alert a colleague that she thought she was being followed by two men. One suspect was described as black, aged in his mid-to-late 20s, 5ft 7in, slim, wearing a black jacket and dark corduroy trousers. The other was Asian, possibly Mauritian, in his early 20s, about 5ft 8in, wearing a light denim jacket and jeans.

Police said at least one person had come forward who had seen the woman being abducted at about 5.30pm.

Farm loses claim over cow deaths

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

A CHEMICAL waste disposal company was yesterday cleared of poisoning a prize herd of dairy cattle kept on a farm near one of its incinerators.

The landmark ruling in the High Court, dismissing a £1.5 million damages claim by a Scottish farmer against Rechem International, came after one of the longest civil trials in legal history.

Andrew Graham, 61, and his wife Irene, 44, claimed that toxins emitted by Rechem's incinerator at Bonnybridge, near Falkirk in Central, between March 1982 and its closure in October 1984, destroyed their herd of 300 pedigree Ayrshire cattle grazing on land two miles away.

In a 323-page judgment, Mr Justice Forbes dismissed the case. "I am left in no doubt that Rechem is not responsible in any way for the ill-health which afflicted the Grahams' dairy herd," he said.

The judge agreed with Rechem's defence that the Grahams had caused the illnesses themselves by overfeeding their cows in an attempt to boost milk production and reduce their debts.

Rechem's incinerator, he concluded, emitted negligible quantities of toxins that did not pose a health risk. The ruling will have implications for a similar case involving another farmer, who owns land near a Rechem incinerator at Pontypool in Gwent and for a group of women who blame emissions at Pontypool and Bonnybridge for eye defects in their children.

Anton Bates, the Grahams' solicitor, whose firm also represents the other claimants, said the judgment would be carefully studied before they decided how to proceed.

The case lasted 198 days, spread over 14 months, and ran up estimated legal costs of £3 million, half of which falls to the Legal Aid Board. It was heard in England because the Grahams were refused legal aid in Scotland.

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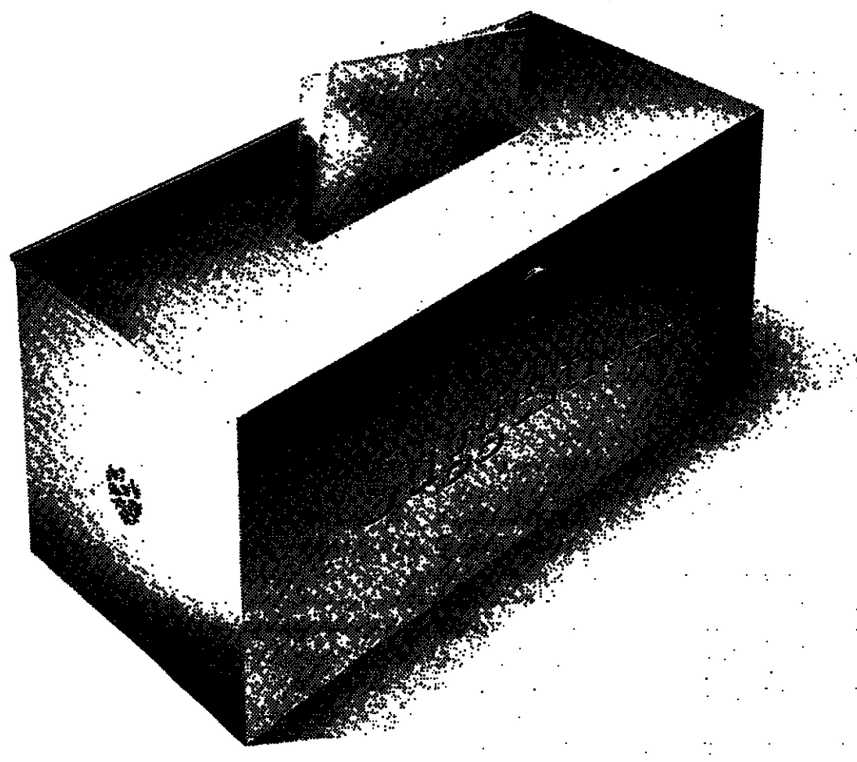
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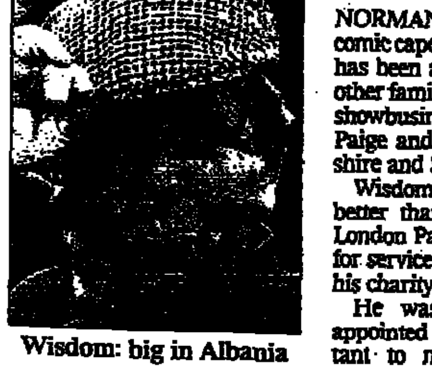


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Comic wit of Wisdom gives him the last laugh after 60 years


Wisdom: big in Albania

By Richard Duce

NORMAN WISDOM, *master of the* comic caper and folk hero in Albania, has been appointed OBE with three other familiar faces from the world of showbusiness, the singer Elaine Paige and the actors Susan Hampshire and Saeed Jaffrey.

Wisdom, 80, said last night: "It's better than topping the bill at the London Palladium." He is honoured for services to entertainment and for his charity work.

He was "flabbergasted" to be appointed OBE. "This is as important to me as my British Film Academy award," he said from his home on the Isle of Man.

He worked his way from abject poverty in Marylebone to millionaire status but until now had not appeared on the honours list in spite of being a favourite at a string of Royal Variety Performances.

Widsom has had a career spanning some 60 years, has made 19 films and won a British film award for *Trouble in Store*. Because his films were allowed under the former Communist regime of Enver Hoxha he achieved something akin to superstar status. On his tenth trip to Albania he was given the freedom of Tirana. The man who wrote and sang the hit *Don't Laugh At Me 'Cos I'm A Fool* in 1954 is filming a video, *The Best of Norman Wisdom*, near his home.

Miss Paige, 43, is honoured for her services to the musical theatre. In the past 15 years she had been a leading lady in several Andrew Lloyd Webber productions. She has starred in the hit musicals *Evita*, *Cats*, *Chess*, *Piaf and Sunset Boulevard*.

Susan Hampshire is honoured for her services to dyslexic people. She is President of the Dyslexic Institute.

She used to dread being asked to read aloud at school and it was not until she was 30 that she discovered she was dyslexic. Four years later she summoned up the courage to speak publicly about her condition even though friends in the theatre world thought it would be professional suicide.

Her decision encouraged Richard Rogers, the architect, and Jackie Stewart, the former racing driver, to acknowledge they were also dyslexic.

Miss Hampshire has been a West End star since 1958 when she appeared in *Expresso Bongo*. She has won three Emmy awards for best actress: as Fleur in *The Forsyte Saga*, as Sarah Churchill in *The First Churchills* and as Becky Sharp in *Vanity Fair*.

Saeed Jaffrey is honoured for services to drama after an acting career spanning 40 years. He started his own theatre in Delhi where he staged works by Wilde, Shaw and Priestley *because he was* "much more comfortable with the English language".

He is probably best known in Britain for his parts in *My Beautiful Laundrette*, *Gandhi* and *Tandoori Nights*. Jaffrey has made more than 70 films in India. His first marriage was to Madhur, an actress who later became a television cook.


Paige: musical memories

CBE marks peacetime service of H's widow

By Emma Wilkins

THE widow of Colonel 'H' Jones, VC, who has worked for bereaved military families since her husband was killed in the Falklands War, has been appointed a Commander of the Order *of the British* Empire.

Sara Jones, who collected her husband's posthumous Victoria Cross from Buckingham Palace 13 years ago, said her own award reflected on the support of their sons Rupert and David — both soldiers in their father's former regiment. "I am really *overwhelmed and awfully* pleased. I think it reflects on the whole family, who have been marvellously supportive — especially the boys," she said yesterday.

Mrs Jones, 53, who supported the campaign to have a nationwide two-minute silence on VE-Day, said her work with the Royal British Legion and Falklands Families Association filled a void created by her husband's death. "A lot of what I do now has come my way because H died. You have a gap in your life and see what you can do to fill it. I probably wouldn't be doing any of this if I hadn't lost him," she said.

Despite the death of Colonel Jones, who was killed in the recapture of Darwin and *Goose Green in May 1982*, Mrs Jones always encouraged their sons to join the army.

Captain Rupert Jones, now 26, is serving in Bosnia and his brother David, 29, is serving in Northern Ireland. Both boys joined their father's old regiment, the Devon and Dorsets.

Mrs Jones, who is honoured *for her services to ex-service*men and women, helps to organise Poppy Day each year. "We must remember that people go on dying in the service of their country and we should all be grateful. Remembrance pulls us together as a nation," she said.

Julian Critchley, Tory MP for Aldershot and who two *days ago tippped Michael* Heseltine as the next leader of the Conservative Party, receives a knighthood.

Mr Critchley, who had polio as a child and is now on crutches due to the condition, said he was delighted.

"I think my acceptance will please my father, delight my children and enrage my enemies, which is marvellous.

"I didn't expect it, but of course the regime has now changed. I believe that Margaret (Lady Thatcher) once said that it would happen only over her dead body. Because I am crippled, I have been in dock for the last two years and go to the House only occasionally to save the Government's bacon for which, I suppose, they must be rather grateful.

"It's very nice of John Major and I hope people will think of me as a knight of the shires not a knight of the suburbs."


John Habgood: made a life peer


Sara Jones: appointed a CBE for her work with bereaved military families

The outgoing Archbishop of York, the Most Rev John Habgood, and the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Rev Robin Eames, are created life peers.

Dr Eames has played a vital role during the peace process in relaying Unionist fears to the Prime Minister.

He made his views clear in public in a letter to *The Times* earlier this year when he wrote: "Lasting peace and reconciliation will never emerge if the genuine feelings of one community are perceived to have been accommodated at the cost of a failure to be sensitive to the equally genuine feelings of another."

Dr Eames was tipped as a front-runner when Dr Robert Runcie announced his retirement as Archbishop of Canterbury, but lost to Dr George Carey.

Dr Habgood, 67, is widely credited with saving the Church from schism after the General Synod voted to ordain women priests in 1992. He is due to retire two years early in August. Dr Habgood's liberal views on social issues in the 1980s earned *him* the wrath of Margaret Thatcher.

Professor John Free is appointed to the Order of St Michael and St George (CMG) for his services to beekeeping. William Thesiger, 85, writer and explorer of Arabia and Africa is appointed to the Order of the British Empire (KBE).

Constance Ward, waitress at The Mitre, Oxford, becomes MBE for her services to the hotel and catering industry.

Lady Brook, who pioneered family planning with the Brook Advisory Services, is appointed CBE.

☐ On the Queen's personal list, Lieutenants of the Victorian Order include Patrick Jephson, private secretary to the Princess of Wales and Judith Hill, a partner in Farrer and Co, solicitors to the Queen. Lt Col Sean O'Dwyer, private secretary to Prince Edward, is also appointed LVO.

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Blyth, Sir James, deputy chairman and chief executive, Boots.
Cuckney, Sir John Graham, chairman, Orion Publishing.
Eames, Most Rev Robert Henry Alexander, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland.
Habgood, Most Rev Rt Hon John Stapylton, Archbishop of York.

PRIVY COUNSELLORS

Atkins, Robert James, MP for South Ribble and Minister of State for the Environment and the Countryside, Department of the Environment.
Maclean, David John, MP for Penrith and the Border, Minister of State, Home Office.
Strathclyde, Baron, Chief Whip in the House of Lords and Captain of the Honourable Corps of the Gentlemen-at-Arms.

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Cobham, Michael John, chairman, Cobham, services to the defence industry.
Colvin, Howard Montagu, services to architectural history.
Critchley, Julian Michael Gordon, MP for Aldershot, political services.
Dowell, Anthony James, artistic director, Royal Ballet.
Drummond, John Richard Gray, director, BBC Promenade Concerts, services to music.
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George, Richard William, chairman and managing director, *Weetabix, services to the food* industry.
Gilbert, Martin John, services to British history and to international affairs.
Gunn, Robert Norman, chairman, Further Education Funding Council for England.
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Hadfield, Ronald, Chief Constable, West Midlands, services to the police.
Harrison, Terence, chief executive, Rolls-Royce, services to engineering and exports.
Haselhurst, Alan Gordon Barraclough, MP for Saffron Walden, political services.
Holt, Michael, political services.
Hunt, Peter John, chairman and managing director, Land Securities PLC, services to property industry.
Knox-Johnston, William Robert Patrick, services to yachting.
Lofthouse, Geoffrey, MP, First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.
Peckham, Professor Michael John, director of research and development, Health Department, *services to medicine*.
Prance, Professor Ghillean Tolmie, director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, scientific services to conservation.
Richard, Cliff, charitable services.
Roberts, Derek Harry, provost, University College London, services to engineering and education.
Samuelson, Sydney Wylie, commissioner, British Film Commission, services to the film industry.
Shaw, Professor John Calman, chairman, Scottish Higher Education Funding Council.
Shersby, Julian Michael, MP for Uxbridge, political service.
Simon, David Alec Gwyn, group chief executive and deputy chairman, BP.
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Williams, Professor Glanmor, for services to the history, culture and heritage of Wales.

ORDER OF THE BATH

GCB

Burns, Sir Terence, Permanent Secretary, the Treasury.

KCB

Fell, David Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service.
Stewart, James Moray, Second Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence.

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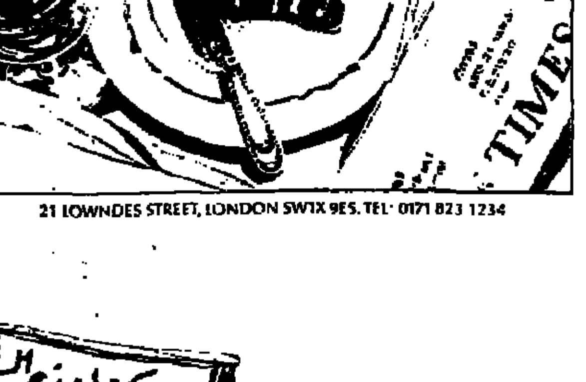
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Yachtsman joins knights of the sea

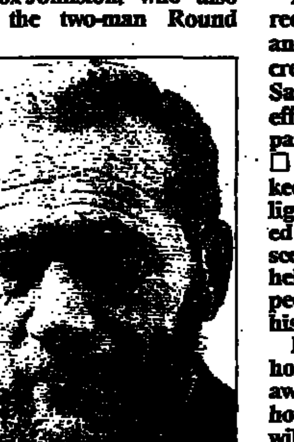
By Barry Pickthall, Yachting Correspondent

THE round-the-world yachtsman Robin Knox-Johnston and Peter Blake have both been awarded knighthoods for their services to yachting. They co-skippered the 92ft catamaran *ENZA New Zealand* in the winter of 1993, setting a non-stop sailing record of 76 days 22 hours for the 27,000-mile voyage, exactly four days quicker than the previous best.

Their average speed of 14.6 knots was in marked contrast to the 3.5-knot average Knox-Johnston set aboard his 32ft ketch *Suhaili* when he became the first man to sail solo around the world non-stop in 1969. Sailing in the wake of Francis Chichester and Alec Rose, who were both knighted for their exploits, Knox-Johnston, 56, believed his questioning of the economic prowess of Harold Wilson in an interview published in the *Daily Mirror* shortly before his victorious return had cost him a similar honour. He was awarded an OBE instead.

Peter Blake, 48, who recently led New Zealand's triumphant America's Cup campaign against Dennis Conner's American team in San Diego, first partnered Knox-Johnston in the 1971 Cape Town to Rio transatlantic race, which they won. They competed together in the 1977 Whitbread Round the World race, an event Blake was to win in 1993.

Knox-Johnston, who also won the two-man Round Britain race in 1970 and 1974 and still holds the non-stop record around the British Isles, is chairman of the International Sail Training Association and devotes much of his time to introducing youngsters to the sea aboard the Tall Ship schooners Malcolm Miller and Sir Winston Churchill.



Knox-Johnston: knighthood at last

Blake continues to chase records. Later this year, he and his *ENZA New Zealand* crew intend to set out from San Francisco to Japan in an effort to smash the transpacific record.

□ Hector Lamont, principal keeper at the Mull of Kintyre lighthouse, has been appointed MBE. He was first on the scene of last June's Chinook helicopter crash in which 29 people died on the hill above his lighthouse.

Mr Lamont said: "It's an honour for me to receive the award on behalf of all lighthouse keepers whose jobs will disappear because of automation. It's also an honour for my family, who have given 170 years to the Northern Lighthouse Board."

SIMON WALKER



Tony Buckle, a porter at Covent Garden, is appointed MBE in the birthday honours

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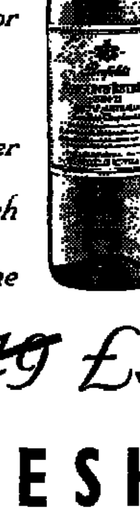
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Churchill biographer rewarded for services to British history

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

MARTIN GILBERT, the Churchill biographer and historian who has been described in Downing Street as "court chronicler" to the present Prime Minister, has been appointed KBE for services to British history and international affairs.

As *The Times* reported earlier this year, Sir Martin has become one of John Major's closest confidants and has helped to draft several of Mr Major's speeches. His many books include a vast study of the Holocaust.

Sydney Samuelson, a leading behind-the-scenes player of the British film industry, was also appointed KBE. As head of the British Film Commission since 1991, he was recognised for his commitment to promoting the British film industry here and abroad. In the past two years, the amount spent on production in Britain has doubled.



Esteve-Coll, who is appointed DBE

The film director Alan Parker, who last year attacked the Government over its inertia in helping the British film industry, has become a Commander of the British Empire for services to the industry. Mr Parker, 51, who directed box-office hits such as *Bugsy Malone*, *Midnight Express* and *The Commitments*, began his working life as an advertising copywriter.

Other arts figures appointed KBE include Anthony Dowell, director of the Royal Ballet since 1986, for services to ballet. Mr Dowell, who joined the company in 1961, said that the news took his breath away. He added, however: "There is sadness from the other side of the coin. My parents are not alive and this would have meant a lot to them." He said he could not imagine himself calling himself Sir Anthony. "I won't use it professionally. But I can't deny I'm chuffed."

Also knighted is John Drummond, director of the BBC Proms and director of the Edinburgh International Festival from 1979 to 1983, for services to music.

The leading operatic soprano Josephine Barstow and the outgoing director of the Victoria and Albert Museum, Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, were appointed Dames of the British Empire.

Gillian Wolfe, head of education at the Dulwich Picture Gallery, southeast London, for ten years, has been appointed MBE. Some 8,000 children are involved in her programmes each year: many come from the roughest estates and would not otherwise have been inspired to visit. She is inundated with moving letters of thanks, with children saying they want to return.

Museum staff and educationists come from far and wide to learn from her innovative example. Mrs Wolfe was an art teacher who had long been disturbed by low standards of education in museums. When the Inner London Education Authority suggested that she make fine art accessible to children, she chose Dulwich, because of its small but superb Old Master collection. She started with almost no funding but was soon training teachers. Her programmes have won her seven prizes, and her work has inspired sponsors to contribute £200,000. Dulwich has will represent Britain next March for museum education.

Kazuo Ishiguro, the reclusive Nagasaki-born novelist who won the Booker Prize for *Remains of the Day*, is appointed OBE for services to literature. Earlier this year, *The Times* noted that if people know him, it is for his writing alone. He spoke of the irritation of reviewers using Japanese similes, just because of his Japanese origins: "My writing has been compared to hi-fi and *sumo* wrestling and to cherry blossoms and oriental painting. That is as irritating as it would be for an Italian if every time he wrote a novel reviews compared his plotting to spaghetti."

The artist Maggi Hambling, who describes herself as "a painter of people and the human condition", is appointed OBE. "I'm delighted. Any kind of recognition of the visual arts is a very good thing." Her award is for services to art. She said: "I've been serving it since I was 15. I suppose that's why they decided to give it to me."

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Protest over Rugby's head girl prompts new interest in school

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

PARENTS have flooded Rugby School with inquiries about places, particularly for girls, in the wake of protests by pupils against the appointment of the first head girl.

The £12,270-a-year school in Warwickshire has been inundated with requests for information from parents impresed by Louise Woolcock, 17, in numerous radio, television and newspaper interviews she has given this week.

Graham Hedges, a mathematics teacher and director of communications at Rugby, said the school had received a stream of inquiries about places since a boycott of a chapel service by half of Rugby's 500 boys was first reported in *The Times* on Wednesday. He said: "The number of telephone inquiries has accelerated considerably during the past few days. The balance of the calls has been from parents of girls. Several have said that they did not realise that Rugby was coeducational."

The school has also received calls from members of the public wishing to pitch in to the debate about Miss Woolcock's appointment. She will share the post of head of school with Huw Brown from September, the first girl to win the accolade in Rugby's 428-year history. The calls from outsiders have run in Miss Woolcock's favour by a considerable margin.

Mr Hedges said: "People have said, 'If Rugby has helped to produce a girl like that, then I would like to consider the school for my daughter'."

Within hours of the announcement of Miss Woolcock's appointment on Monday, senior boys began plotting a public demonstration of their opposition.

A campaign of disobedience ensued which has included hostile flyposters, banners strung from the school's chapel, and leaflets criticising her appointment hidden inside pupils' hymn books before chapel. The protest appeared to have fallen quiet yesterday but one rebel said: "This is not over yet."

The campaign has been masterminded by about 20 senior boys who claim the school has succumbed to political correctness. Members of the levee, which consists of pupil heads of houses and senior prefects, were angered by the decision of Michael Mavor, the Head Master, to ignore their arguments that girls should not be considered for the post until they have come up through the school ranks from age 13. This would block female candidates for another three years because Rugby became fully coeducational only in 1993.

ANDRÉ CAMARA



Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, with a model of the Albert Memorial at the centre

Elements will undo memorial renewal

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

THE £14 million programme to save the Albert Memorial will protect the monument from the ravages of the climate for no more than 60 years, according to English Heritage. Attempts to find a weather-proof coating have failed and rain, sun and pollution will continue to take their toll on the 175ft monument, due to reopen in 1999.

Speaking yesterday at the opening of a visitors' centre in Kensington Gardens, London, Alasdair Glass, project director of English Heritage, said: "Although we are currently testing coatings for the monument to protect it from the weather, there does not seem to be a solution to the ravages of climate."

The National Heritage Department is expected to contribute a total of £8 million towards repairs. English Heritage is giving £2 million and hopes to raise £4 million from public donations.

Importance of religion is that it is not natural

Dr Edward Norman

IT IS often said that man has a spiritual faculty, a "natural" inclination to reach out for religion. When this capacity is not expressed by adhesion to one of the historical religions he grasps at substitutes: New Age phenomena, sects and cults, or aesthetic sensation.

But the notion that mankind is possessed of a spiritual faculty is probably a fiction. What people have, and what divides them from the rest of creation, is the capacity for reason and reflection, which they can satisfy in many ways, some of which may involve religion. It is not, however, that men and women have a reasoned or emotional inclination to religion, but that they have inclinations that they choose to express in religious terms. That is a very different matter.

People are enormously adaptable. There are seemingly no social conditions to which they cannot adhere, no life-style too radically alien. It is often said that this or that manner of living is "natural" — the present enthusiasts for ecology depict mankind as most at home in a primary environment of rural simplicity. That is all largely fictional. Virtually everything that conditions thought is artificial: they are transient, in the process of permanent re-creation, the products of perpetual cultural change.

These two considerations ought not to prompt spiritual *anomie*, for they are closely in correspondence with the biblical view of mankind. The religious tradition that Christianity inherited always described people as material beings made by God and set amid a changing historical landscape. Their sense of the divine presence did not derive from any peculiar faculty but from observation of themselves and of the rest of the work of God's hands.

When God revealed himself it was within the tradition of knowledge handed down among his people, an acquired tradition derived from the same material creation that informed them about everything. The largely post-Romantic notion that religion is essentially a dimension of the emotions would have seemed ridiculous to the ancient world.

Jesus did not talk about beautiful feelings or the fulfilment of personal claims to emotional enrichment: he spoke about the commands of God, and the acts of goodness which in this life prepare us to receive the spiritual culture in which the divine presence may be expressed. It is the "otherness" of religion that is important — the fact it is not "natural" to "be religious".



We are products of our context, so it is crucially up to us to work for the cultivation of a personal and a collective context in which the flowers of spirituality may grow. In the Christian understanding of the world men and women are called to work with God in the progressive development of the planet. Religious consciousness derives from our responsiveness to that calling, not from any innate faculty.

Dr Edward Norman is Chaplain of Christ Church College, Canterbury.

Bells strike sour note

PLANS to install authentic bells in place of the tape-recorded peals that summon the congregation to a south Devon church have divided parishioners.

The vicar, the Rev Paul Abram, wants to install six bells at a cost of £42,000 at the Holy Trinity church at Salcombe, which has existed for 154 years without the real thing. But some of the congregation argue that real bells would be too loud or that the money should go to Third World charities. A few have left over the row.

When the church was built, the founders hoped local businesses would pay for bells but the money never materialised. Residents have now raised almost all the sum needed and 16 bell-ringers have been in training. But protests against the plan mean the matter will go to the Exeter diocese ecclesiastical court for a decision in the autumn.

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Pioneering Russian surgeon sees himself as saviour of a nation disillusioned with politicians

An eye to the future



MOSCOW FILE
by RICHARD BEESTON

WHEN Svyatoslav Fyodorov, 74, warms to his theme one day ruling Russia where workers are motivated, officials are incorruptible and wealth is shared out between citizens, it is hard not to be infected by his enthusiasm.

Sitting at his office in Moscow, the pioneering eye surgeon and millionaire businessman makes an eloquent and convincing argument at the mini-empire he has built over three decades could one day be used as a blueprint for reforming the rest of the country.

"In the West, you think that Russians just spend their time drinking vodka," he said. "But that is not true. All people need is motivation . . . the knowledge that they will get something in return for their efforts. Then they will work hard by choice."

To prove his point, he proudly shows visitors around his Eye Microsurgery Complex where daily profit figures are posted on the office noticeboard for the benefit of the 3,400 employees, who are all shareholders. Although his home-grown concepts of economics may seem naive, they have struck a chord with the public, which has grown disillusioned with the Government and politicians. "We are becoming a nation incapable of producing anything because there is no incentive," Dr Fyodorov said. "Instead, we sell off our natural resources and a small group of bureaucrats pockets the money. If this continues, in one or two generations we will be like Africa."

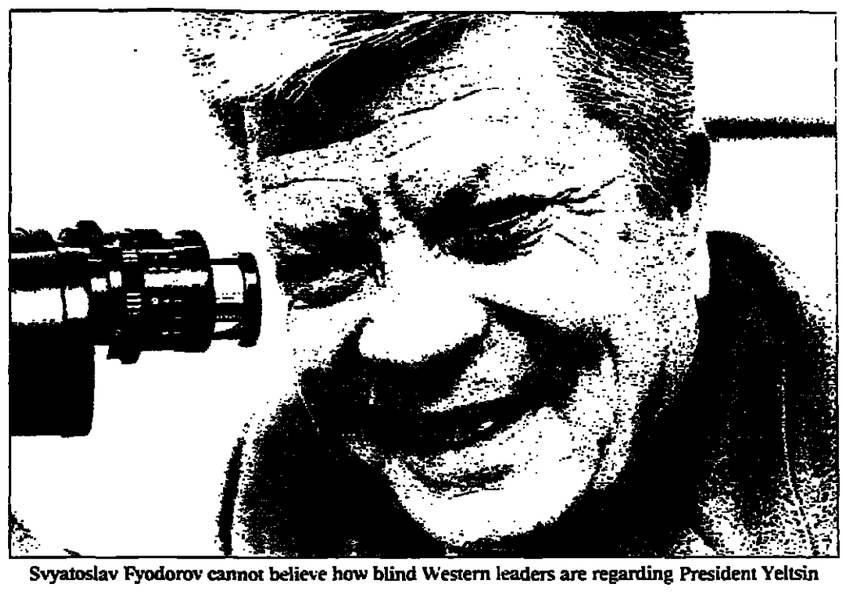
The eye surgeon first won acclaim when he developed artificial lens implants in the 1960s. Then, he established an international reputation for pioneering eye operations, and today runs 12 state-of-the-art hospitals across Russia and a floating surgery, now off Gibraltar.

Three months ago, Dr Fyodorov decided to end his longstanding flirtation with politics when he established the Workers' Self-Rule Party and announced his candidacy for President. Since then his grey hair and round face have become a regular feature in newspapers and on television chat shows where he gives feisty performances. His attacks on an inefficient government have made him popular.

"Russia is rich in oil, diamonds, gold, timber, but I have not seen one kopeck of it," Dr Fyodorov said. "The only people who are thriving in Russia today are the gangsters, and [President] Yeltsin and [Prime Minister Viktor] Chernomyrdin are the biggest gangsters of the lot."

He calculates that he will be able to count on the support of more than two million satisfied former patients, as well as their families and much of Russia's medical community. Nevertheless, fighting as an independent will be difficult. Dr Fyodorov said that part of the problem was that Western leaders still treated Russia's leadership with respect.

"I cannot believe how blind they are. I am prepared to give them free surgery to cure them of their short-sightedness," he said.



Svyatoslav Fyodorov cannot believe how blind Western leaders are regarding President Yeltsin

Communist joins party

THE annual Queen's Birthday Party has always been the most popular function on Moscow's diplomatic circuit. However, this year's party took an unexpected turn when the surprise guest was Gennadi Zyuganov, the leader of the Russian Communist Party, who was practically mobbed by British diplomats in the embassy garden. The success of the Communists in recent elections in Eastern Europe has led many embassies to conclude that they are too important to ignore. But the British charm offensive may have been a little late. Mr Zyuganov had already had breakfast with President Clinton when he visited Moscow last month.

Minister courting favour

HE HAS bungled the war in Chechenia, been accused of gross incompetence and caused the resignation of the most popular officer in the Russian Army, but General Pavel Grachev is far from finished.

The stocky Russian Defence Minister has proved that when his back is against the wall he can pull off the impossible — in this instance, winning the annual "Top Har" tennis tournament staged this week in the Black Sea resort of Sochi. The tournament, between members of the ruling elite, has become a key indicator of who is in and who is out of favour with President Yeltsin.

Among the contestants were Andrei Kozyrev, the Foreign Minister, Viktor Ilyushin, the main presidential adviser, and a group of politicians close to Mr Yeltsin. The final pitted General Grachev against General Aleksandr Korzhakov, the head of the presidential security service.

Mr Yeltsin is expected to play the winner in Moscow when he returns from the summit of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations. So far, General Grachev's only reward has been a tennis racket, but officials predict a brighter future for him.

Carlos wreaked terror to force lover's release

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

CARLOS the Jackal embarked on some of his most brutal attacks out of love for a German woman rather than a burning commitment to revolution. German legal sources say the Venezuelan-born terrorist, under arrest in France, fell in love with and stole away the girlfriend of his main adjutant, Johannes Weinreich, the explosive expert.

Herr Weinreich, 48, is being interrogated in a Berlin prison, having been extradited from France last month. He has been charged with three bombing attacks and participating in a missile attack at Orly airport in Paris.

In 1974, he helped to set up the radical Red Star bookshop in Frankfurt. This served as a front for the terrorist Revolutionary Cells, which firebombed German branches of American companies. Herr Weinreich fell in love with Magdalena Kopp, a photographer working in the shop.

In 1982, the People's Front for the Liberation of Palestine decided it needed a European network and asked Carlos — real name Ilich Ramirez Sánchez — to make the contacts. He told the Revolutionary Cells, said the Berlin prosecutors say, signed up Herr Weinreich for joint operations. In January 1975, a German hired a Peugeot for the Palestinian missile attack on an El Al airliner at Orly. The German authorities were convinced that man was Herr Weinreich and arrested him in 1975, but he was bailed out by Frau Kopp and went underground. She then fell for Carlos, and apparently her feelings were reciprocated.

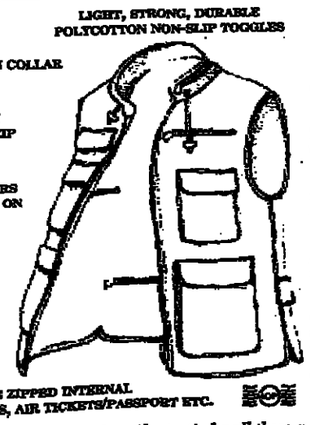
In February 1982, the French police caught Frau Kopp with a carload of explosives and she was sentenced to four years' jail. Carlos' operations immediately changed direction. Instead of working for the Palestinians, the KGB or the highest bidder, he acted on his own initiative to put maximum pressure on France to free his lover.

Bombs were planted in France, in trains, stations and in central Paris. At least 14 people died as a token of his love. In August 1983 Herr Weinreich smuggled 24kg of plastic explosives from East to West Berlin to blow up the French Cultural Centre; this was Carlos's final blow against the French for his lover, and it was her former boyfriend who played the crucial role. She was freed in 1985, joined Carlos in Damascus, and gave birth to their daughter Rosa. She now lives with his family in Venezuela.

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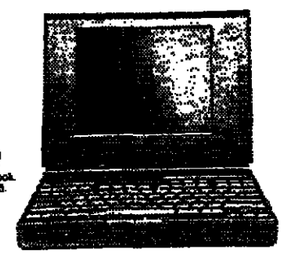
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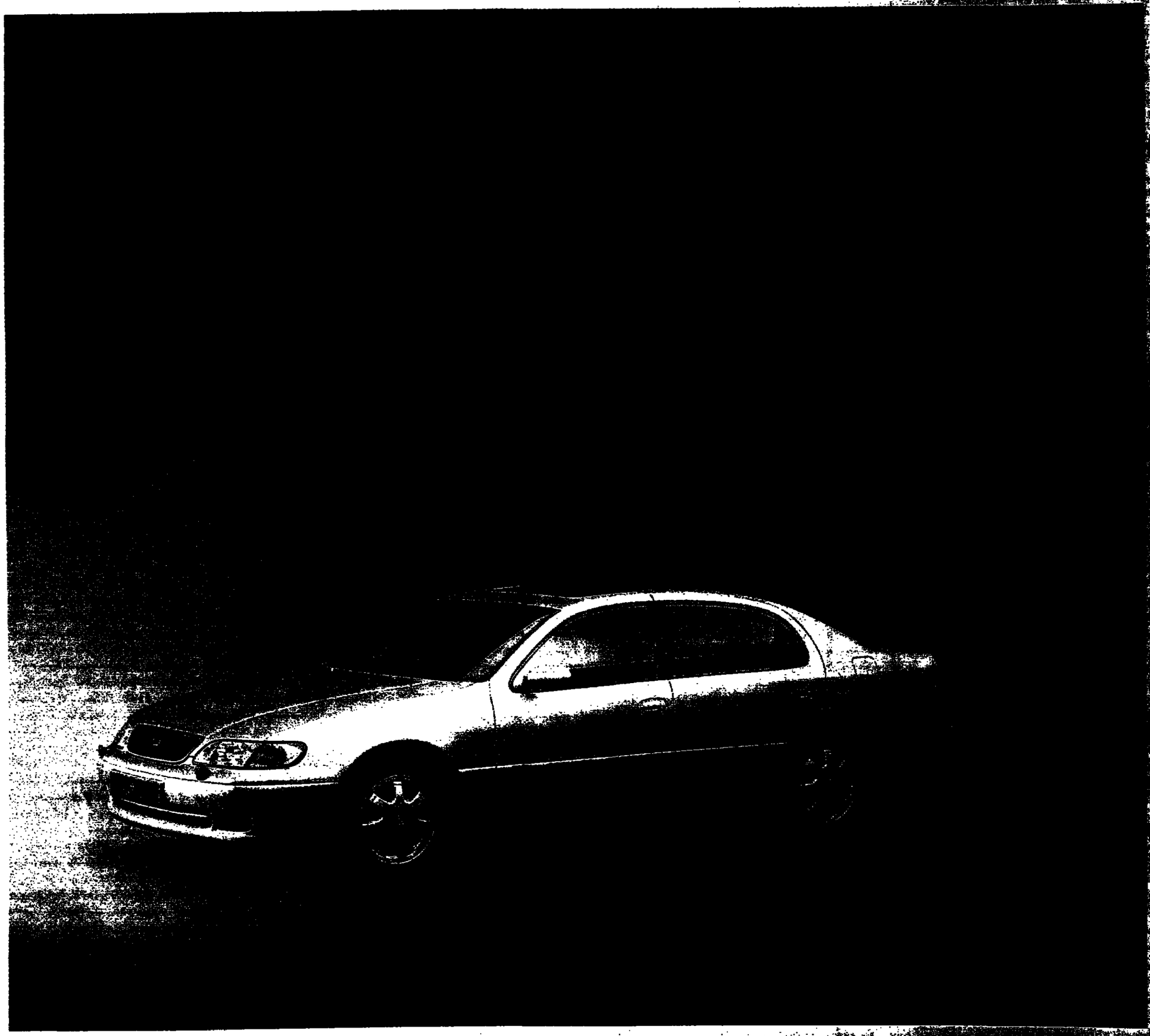
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Russian troops poised to attack hostage hideout

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN anti-terrorist forces were last night preparing to storm a hospital in southern Russia where 100 Chechen gunmen are holding 2,000 hostages captive. Speaking after talks with President Yeltsin, who left for the summit of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations in Nova Scotia, General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, said force seemed to be the only way to resolve the three-day siege in Budennovsk.

"I am not sure that the terrorists, who have the blood of many people on their hands, will surrender as a result of negotiations," said the minister, who added that "use of force as soon as possible" seemed the only option. Several units are ready to take action, including the former KGB's Alpha unit, which stormed the White House in October 1993 to quell a rebellion by hardliners.

Tass reported yesterday that the Chechens had released the bodies of 50 people, most of whom were thought to have died of wounds suffered in the attack on the town on Wednesday. The bodies raised the total death toll to at least 117.

General Grachev's comments came after a day of fruitless negotiations between Russian officials and the hostage-takers led by Shamyl Basayev, the commando leader, who acted without the consent of General Dzhokhar Dudayev, the leader of breakaway Chechenia. Cool, devout and respected by his men, Mr Basayev has rarely been far from the frontline fighting where his troops fought harder and more skilfully than other Chechen units. His skill even drew the admiration of his Russian foes, and Sergei Stepashin, head of Russian intelligence, recently described him as "the number one person in Chechenia".

Mr Basayev came to prominence when he led a Chechen volunteer force to fight beside the Abkhazis in their separatist war with Georgia. He later became the head of General Dudayev's bodyguards before his recent appointment as commander of Chechen forces in the field.

According to captured Chechen gunmen involved in the raid on Budennovsk, he is determined to avenge the loss of 11 members of his family, killed in the Russian assault on his home village of Vedeno last month. His uncle, aunt, sister, brother-in-law and several nephews and nieces were killed in an action that appears to have turned a brilliant guerrilla commander into a suicidal terrorist.

Yesterday the besieged Chechens repeated their threat to kill all the hostages and said they were prepared to die unless Russian troops were pulled out of Chechenia. The Russians offered the Chechens "any amount of money" and safe passage if they let the captives go. "We are dealing not with simple terrorists but with political terrorists," said Mr Stepashin. "They have turned down offers of money and a plane. They did not agree to a proposal to withdraw 1,000 Russian troops from Chechenia in exchange for disarming 1,000 fighters and holding elections as planned in November."

Reporters invited into the hospital for a news conference on Thursday said the Chechens had sufficient weapons to cause massive destruction and loss of life. They had divided the captives according to their age, size and strength, leaving women and children in the corridors but keeping about 200 men under guard in one ward. There did not appear to be enough food and water for the captives.

Russia's Choice, the liberal opposition party, is demanding the resignation of General Grachev, Mr Stepashin and Viktor Yerin, the Interior Minister, for gross negligence in not preventing the attack in the first place.



Shamyl Basayev, the Chechen guerrilla leader, in the seized hospital

Fight to save boy and mute woman buried by quake

BY REUTER IN EGION, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

FRESH aftershocks shook western Greece yesterday as rescue workers in Egion struggled to free two survivors — a boy and a wheelchair-bound mute woman — buried for more than 36 hours in a block of flats destroyed by Thursday's earthquake.

A quake measuring 4.3 on the Richter scale struck northern Crete yesterday and seismologists issued a warnign about another major tremor in this western coastal town as the death toll rose to 30. Rescue teams dug out the bodies of five more French tourists at the Eliki Hotel.

The dead victims, ten French tourists, nine Greeks and one Italian woman, were in the hotel or block of flats. More than 60 people were injured, many seriously, by the quake, 90 miles west of Athens in the Gulf of Corinth.

Swiss and Greek rescue teams fought heat, exhaustion and time to free the two Greek survivors, but admited that progress was slow. The discovery of the survivors raised hopes that up to ten missing people, including two French tourists, might still be alive.

Rescuers said that tunnelling through the debris of the block of flates was laborious and tiring. "We're advancing very slowly with hammers and chisels. No machinery. We're afraid the vibrations will bring down the whole area," said Thierry Angeretas, a member of the Swiss team. The boy has been identified as Andreas Bogdanos, eight. "The problem is that we can talk to him but we don't know his exact location," said Beat Kraettli, the Swiss team spokesman. "Sometimes he talks logically, but sometimes he hallucinates. That means he's suffering from dehydration. We must get him out as soon as possible. There is a danger he may die."

In another part of the collapsed building, workers were trying to reach Maria Elvira Frangonikolopoulou, a mentally retarded woman confined to a wheelchair.

"Dogs detected a second person alive." Mr Angeretas told reporters yesterday, just after Ms Frangonikolopoulou was located, although at that stage they did not know who it was.

"We hit a wall and he hit back. We hit three times and he hit back three times. He, or maybe she, is moaning but can't talk. We're trying to find ways to rescue him," he said. The rescuers later established that the person they had found was a woman who was unable to speech.

The quake caused widespread destruction throughout the western Greek region near the port city of Patras. More than 15,000 people slept outside on Thursday night and officials distributed blankets, tents and beds. There were no immediate reports of casualties in Crete.

WORLD SUMMARY

'Blockade' fears for Gibraltar

Madrid: Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, will meet Javier Solana, his Spanish counterpart, in Madrid on Monday to discuss Gibraltar's future as Spain takes over the presidency of the European Union (Edward Owen writes).

Joe Bossano, the Rock's Chief Minister, believes the Spanish authorities intend to delay visitors heading for Gibraltar for hours in a new car park near the border, under the pretext of searching for contraband goods. "They are just repeating Franco's blockade strategy," he said.

Number's up for Chinese pirate

Hong Kong: A Chinese national is to be charged with piracy for the £800,000 robbery from a hijacked jetfoil this week. Macau police retrieved £320,000 and arrested one of their officers. Hong Kong television said six people had been arrested. Police identified numbers called from a mobile telephone left by the pirates. *(Reuter)*

Khmer Rouge suspect held

Phnom Penh: One of six Khmer Rouge guerrillas believed to be responsible for killing two Britons, Dominic Chappell and Tina Dominy, and an Australian, Kellie Wilkinson, after they were ambushed on the road to Sihanoukville last year has been arrested, a senior Cambodian police official said. *(AFP)*

Tourists rapt by Reichstag plan

Berlin: Art-loving tourists flocked here to await today's the wrapping of the Reichstag by Christo, the Bulgarian-American artist, whose parcel project has flattered Berliners but disappointed Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor (Roger Boyes writes). It will stay under wraps for two weeks.

Poisoned politics of Vitrolles catches up with Le Pen's deputy

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN VITROLLES, PROVENCE

BRUNO MEGRET, who shocked or delighted France last weekend, stood outside a Provençal cemetery and surveyed his gleaming Renault with a sad shrug. The front had been smashed in with a sledgehammer. "They just did that to me in broad daylight. I have to be very careful about where I go now," he said. The sabotage was testimony to the venomous mood in this town of 40,000 just northwest of Marseilles since M Megret, 46, the No 2 in Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front, stunned politicians by surging ahead in the mayoral contest.

His surprise score of 43 per cent, 15 points ahead of Jean-Jacques Anglade, the Socialist incumbent, was the biggest in the swing to candidates from the anti-immigration party which swept the Mediterranean coast and other areas in last week's first round of council elections. While the Front seored strongly in Toulon, Marseilles and Nice and will have hundreds of councillors across the country, it is only in Vitrolles that the pariah party has a real chance of taking over a town hall. In the event of victory, M Megret, a senior civil servant whose degrees include an MSc. from Berkeley, will be well placed to succeed M Le Pen, 66.

A coastal new town that has erupted around a village under the bluffs of the Provence foothills, Vitrolles, which lies next to Marseilles airport, boasts neat housing estates, palm and pine-lined avenues and a giant shopping centre. Vitrolles is also a name in sport, thanks to its handball team, which was European champion in 1993 and whose members dominate France's new world champion side. The town also offers a prime example of the cocktail of unemployment, crime and immigration which helped M Le Pen score 15 per cent in the presidential election. "Of course we picked the Front. Vitrolles is afraid and they are the only ones who can stop it," said Delphine, a flower seller at the market on Place Nelson Mandela. "We have been burgled and our car stolen over the past year. You don't have to look far to know it's the Arabs." A few yards away, Karim, an African jewellery seller, said that he would fear for his life if the Front took over.

The Mayor is still trying to make sense of last Sunday's results. He has appealed, without success, to the beaten conservative candidate, to join him in a "Republican Front" against M Megret.

Resentment towards immigrants was deemed by many to be the message behind M Megret's campaign ploy. This was the delivery to thousands of residents of a bar of soap, accompanied by the Front's call to "Let's give Vitrolles a complete clean-out". He said: "That was just to give people a laugh. They like a good laugh in Provence."

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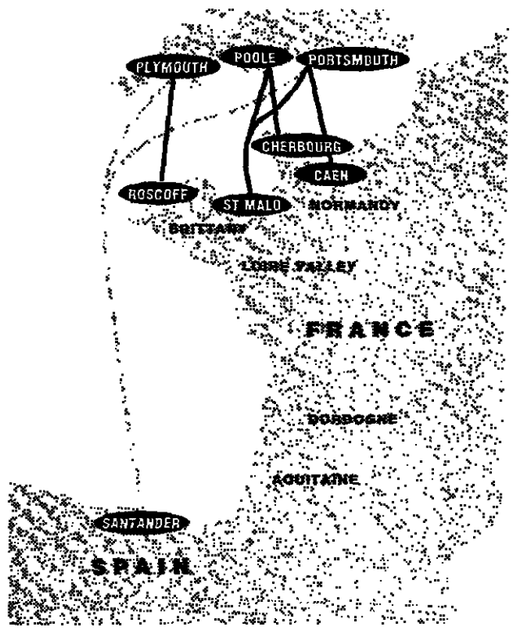
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Yeltsin snubbed over demand for economic role

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

PRESIDENT YELTSIN arrived in Halifax, Nova Scotia, yesterday to be told by his summit partners that they did not yet consider Russia ready to join the economic disciplines of the G7 group of leading industrial nations.

In a review of economic reform in Russia before Mr Yeltsin's arrival, Western leaders made it clear that they would rebuff Moscow's attempts to be included from the start in all the economic, as well as political, discussions at future summits.

John Major told his partners that the time was not yet right for Russian membership of G7. "We look for programmes of economic co-operation with Russia, but their ultimate entry will depend on economic reform." Similar sentiments were expressed by Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and other G7 leaders.

Western concern over continued fighting in Chechenia also dominated the review of Russia's progress. The leaders underlined the importance of dialogue with Moscow, but said the failure to halt the fighting in the Caucasus would inevitably cast a shadow over East-West relations.

"We are concerned at the brutality of their actions in Chechenia," one official said. The European Union had already deferred action on a broad trade agreement with Russia, pending satisfaction with what Moscow was doing to quell the conflict.

Mr Yeltsin arrived with his wife, Naina, and Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, looking relaxed and vigorous. He shook hands with schoolchildren before making a formal arrival in Halifax. He was presented, as all the G7 leaders were, with an eagle's feather by Chief Ben Silliboy, a descendant of the Mic Mac Indians, the Native American tribe that lived in Nova Scotia before English and French colonists arrived.

G7 SUMMIT

Mr Yeltsin is hoping for a pledge from the G7 that it will continue to underpin Russia's economic reforms. More important for Moscow, however, is the chance for Russia to be included in the political decisions being taken here, especially on Bosnia, the reform of international organisations, and financial help for Ukraine to decommission the nuclear reactors at Chernobyl.

Mr Yeltsin will also use his day in Canada to impress on the West the danger of unilaterally extending Nato membership to Eastern Europe and of Nato military actions in Bosnia undertaken without consultation with Moscow.

Two issues in which Russia has a deep interest in closer co-operation with the West are crime and nuclear smuggling. Moscow has been angered by what it says was a German "sting" operation last year to entice smugglers into carrying nuclear material to the West as a way of underlining lax security standards in Russia. President Yeltsin is likely to insist that controls are still as stringent as ever.

Mr Yeltsin is ready to offer the help of Russian security services to combat drug smuggling, money laundering and the recent extension of Russian mafia organisations to the West. Police chiefs in Western Europe have given warnings of a powerful new international network of organised crime syndicates, often led by Russians.

☐ **Moscow:** The State Duma, Russia's lower house of parliament, yesterday demanded that President Yeltsin return immediately to Moscow from Canada to tackle the hostage crisis in southern Russia.

The demand was made in a non-binding resolution that also asked Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, to head the talks with the Chechen hostage-takers besieged in the hospital at Budennovsk. *(Reuter)*



President Chirac, with John Savage, right, the Premier of Nova Scotia, pleases the crowds with an election-style walkabout in Halifax

Leaders ring the changes in the Big Top

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE circus went to the circus yesterday. The G7 leaders, joined in the afternoon by President Yeltsin, left Bosnia, growth strategies and currency fluctuations on the negotiating table and strolled down to a tent on the waterfront for a special performance of the Cirque du Soleil, a colourful whirl of acrobatics, dance, theatre and music that is one of Canada's prize cultural exports.

Apart from the circus, there has been little *soleil* in Halifax, although that has not stopped the impromptu street parties and the hardy display of shorts and T-shirts to remind the visitors this is officially summer. Nor has the watery light filtering in from the grey Atlantic hampered the leaders' carefully staged walkabouts: the unexpected sound of cheering and the sight of waving flags was the political tonic so many urgently needed.

President Clinton was inevitably the star. He arrived first on Thursday, stepped off the ferry, crossed over to the crowd of squealing spectators and immediately scooped up the startled Kaylee Berglund, four, delighting her aunt and alarming the hovering Secret Service. His wife Hillary has been just as big a hit, and the talk of the town has been her elegance, sophistication and her outfit, breathlessly described as "a wonderful tailored pink blazer and slim skirt, very Chanel-like". John Major has also endeared himself to the crowds, shaking hands, exchanging pleasantries and surprising a few visiting English tourists.

Britain's heartfelt support for Canadian fishermen in the dispute with Spain has not been forgotten, and Brian Tobin, the Fisheries Minister, came to Halifax to greet the Prime Minister. He, like the other leaders, accepted a ceremonial eagle feather, a reminder that Nova Scotia was originally the land of the Mic Mac Indians.

President Chirac, radiating bonhomie and political self-confidence like a Newfoundland lighthouse in the fog, beamed as pipers played Scottish tunes. He guffawed at polite bons mots by protocol officials. The French leader appeared deaf to the chanting of "No nukes" by some of the earnest environmentalists trying vainly to attract attention to their rival Other Economic Summit.

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, astonished everyone with his bulk, his breezy authority and his impromptu decision to go for a two-hour harbour cruise on a ketch.

The most forlorn figure has been Jacques Santer. Almost nobody here has recognised the President of the European Commission, few know much about the EU, and hardly any more have been able to identify Luxembourg. Still, on the assumption that he must be famous as he was carrying an eagle feather and the band had struck up when he landed, they dutifully pushed forward their autograph books.

O.J. struggles to pull on bloodied gloves

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

FOR only the second time in his six-month trial, O. J. Simpson was allowed to approach the jury in a potentially crucial episode yesterday. Wearing latex inner gloves, he pulled over them the blood-stained leather gloves his accusers claim link him to the murders of his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her companion, Ronald Goldman.

At first, they did not appear to fit. Grimacing and muttering "too tight, too tight", the former American footballer and actor struggled with the left glove, found at the murder scene, and made heavy weather of the right one, which the defence says was planted in his grounds to frame him.

Eventually Mr Simpson had the gloves on with room to spare at his fingertips. Christopher Darden, prosecuting, suggested his struggle had been play-acting. But Johnnie Cochran, defending, said afterwards that Mr Simpson "would be a great actor if he could act his hands larger".



O. J. Simpson wearing the crucial evidence yesterday

Luxor tomb on display

Cairo: The pharaonic tomb of Queen Nefertari, reputed to be the most beautiful in Egypt, is to open to the public after nine years of restoration, the country's Antiquities Department said yesterday.

The tomb of King Rameses II's favourite wife, discovered in 1904 in the southern town of Luxor, has never gone on show to the public but will open in the next few days, the department said. The Paul Getty Institute started restoration work on the damaged tomb in 1986. *(AFP)*

Peking minister to visit Hurd

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

AS A reward to Britain for agreeing to Peking's terms for a Court of Final Appeal in Hong Kong, Qian Qichen, the Foreign Minister, will visit London in October.

The Foreign Office yesterday confirmed Mr Qian's acceptance of a British invitation, open since last July.

Although the British and Chinese Foreign Ministers are obliged by a 1991 memorandum of understanding to meet twice a year, Mr Qian and Douglas Hurd have met only twice since then. No senior Chinese official has been to London since November 1992 when Zhu Rongji, a politburo standing committee member, issued a warning that the validity of the 1984 British-Chinese joint declaration had been undermined by plans for constitutional change in the colony announced by Chris Patten, the Hong Kong Governor.

Last November, after the British Government had offered Peking funding agreements for the new airport, Mr Qian said he might come to Britain eventually, but only when he had seen "concrete" signs of further British co-operation.

These came last week with the British concession to Peking's demand that the Court of Final Appeal, which Mr Patten and other officials here had insisted must come into being before the Chinese resumption of power on July 1, 1997, be established only on that date.

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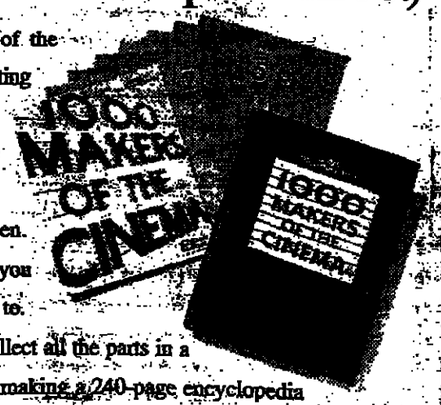
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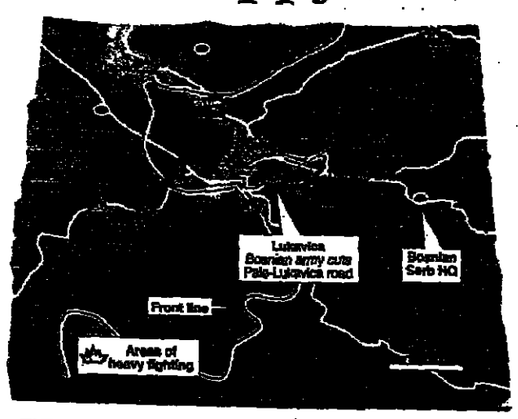
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'I'm happy about the offensive. We're willing to pay the price'



FROM STACY SULLIVAN
IN SARAJEVO

SARAJEVO

SARAJEVANS awoke to a curious mixture of dread and hope yesterday: dread at the familiar sound of artillery, mortar and gunfire in the hills around their homes, but hope that this time the fighting might bring a change of fortune for the besieged city.

Residents had deserted the streets and took cover in their homes. The city looked as if it had been abandoned, with shops and businesses shut. Only a few armoured vehicles sped through the empty streets, in contrast to Thursday morning when the roads were packed with anxious people crowding shops to stock up on food. As reports of the fighting were given by the first wounded government soldiers being brought to hospital from the frontlines early yesterday, many Sarajevans seemed jubilant that Bosnian forces appeared to be making an attempt to ease pressure on a city which has been under siege for more than three years.

With the last supply route into the capital, as well as the supply tunnel, closed by government forces to civilians, Sarajevo has been without water, electricity and gas for nearly a month. A few hours after the fighting began, a shell slammed into Kosevo hospital, killing two patients and seriously wounding three others. A rocket hit the Foreign Ministry, close to the Presidency in the city centre. Sporadic shelling of the city continued throughout the day, but most of the explosions were on the front lines in the hills overlooking Sarajevo.

"I'm not scared at all. I'm thrilled," said Zeba Lacevic, a middle-aged resident in the Old Town who has a son fighting on the front lines. "The situation must stop and the time is now. We must trust ourselves because we have learnt that we can't rely on others," she said, referring to the United Nations which has been able to do little for Sarajevo residents in recent weeks.

Even though an attempt to lift the siege would result in heavy military and civilian casualties, residents said that they supported their army's efforts. Walking down a deserted street carrying a sack of infusion tubes, Zelimir Stojkovich, 26, who works at the hospital, said: "I'm happy about the offensive. After three years we're willing to pay the price."

Residents seemed to echo the sentiment of President Izetbegovic who accused the UN of prolonging the suffering of his people when announcing the attempt to "prevent the further strangulation of the city" on Bosnian television on Thursday night.

"Thank God that it has finally started. We've all been sitting at home waiting for something," said Tanja, 29, a mother, from her flat in the Old Town. "We want the end and it doesn't matter in what way."

US votes for extra Bosnia troops but refuses to pay

BY JAMES BONE AND MARTIN FLETCHER

BRITAIN and the United States clashed in the United Nations Security Council yesterday over the financing of British and other European reinforcements for the UN force in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

As the confrontation flared in New York, a humiliated President Clinton had to tell his fellow world leaders in Halifax, Nova Scotia, that he could not deliver the dollars required to strengthen the UN operation after Republican leaders in Congress sent him a message saying that they would not pay for the build-up.

The Security Council voted yesterday to authorise the deployment of up to 12,500 extra peacekeepers in Bosnia to form a Rapid Reaction Force to protect the UN "blue helmets" already there.

The United States supported the resolution only after making clear that it would not pay its normal 31 per cent share of the estimated $414 million (£258 million) cost of the new UN troops over the first six months.

The controversy arose on Thursday when the Republican leaders of Congress said they would not help to pay for the planned UN Rapid Reaction Force being set up by Britain, France and The Netherlands. The Republicans' announcement outraged Britain and France. President Chirac had met the Republican leaders in Washington on Wednesday. Eager to deploy the new force as quickly as possible, France called a Security Council vote for the middle of the night on a resolution authorising the new troops. The measure was passed 13-0, with Russia and China abstaining.

The United States said it would support the resolution if "the modalities of financing" were determined later. Madeleine Albright, the US Ambassador, said: "We vote in favour of this resolution on the clear understanding that, by doing so, we are not incurring any direct financial obligation."

Britain insisted, nevertheless, that the new force should be financed through the normal UN peacekeeping budget, of which the British Government pays 6 per cent. British officials tried to throw the financing question over to the General Assembly, where the

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United States does not hold a veto as it does on the Security Council.

Sir David Hannay, Britain's Ambassador, noted that it was the 185-nation General Assembly — not the 15-nation Security Council — that bore responsibility for finances under the UN Charter. He said that Boutros Boutros Ghali, the Secretary-General, had recommended that the cost of the reinforcements should be considered "an expense of the organisation" and fall under the normal UN peacekeeping budget.

During dinner at the summit of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations, Mr Clinton admitted that Congress was blocking American funding for the expanded UN operation. The dinner was thrown into turmoil. European officials could not say who would pick up America's share of the cost if Mr Clinton's "consultations" with Congress fail. They insisted that the new force would be deployed regardless, supported by voluntary contributions if necessary.

Officials were also dismayed at the encouragement this transparent disunity among the world's leading nations would give to the Bosnian Serbs, and at this latest example of America's failure to support the allies' peacekeeping efforts. "The Americans have pressed us for a long time for a more robust performance in Bosnia. We introduce a more robust element then find the Americans cannot pay," one European diplomat said.

As the largest contributor of new troops, Britain will be the biggest loser if the Americans refuse to finance the expansion of the peacekeeping force in Bosnia.

Publicly, the G7 leaders sought to play down the rift. John Major said there was "a complete understanding that the Americans have a technical problem". Veteran diplomats could not, however, remember any occasion when an American President had been so blatantly undercut while on the international stage.

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A shell explodes on the Pale-Sarajevo road as Bosnian troops confront Serb forces

Rejuvenated Muslims seek to break stranglehold

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Bosnian Government has taken its boldest gamble since the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina began. The success or failure of the present operation to break the Serb hold over the supply routes into Sarajevo will dictate future options.

If the Government forces can create a secure corridor into the capital, and drive a route from Sarajevo all the way to Tuzla in the north, they will achieve a significant military victory. They will also

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strike a psychological blow against the Serbs, who for most of the war have enjoyed the advantage of being the best equipped, best trained and most tactically skilled of the warring factions.

For the first time, the largely Muslim-dominated Bosnian Government Army, the BiH, is taking on the Serbs on a huge scale and proving that after three years of being regarded as a ragtag band who had to share their Kalashnikovs, they are now better disciplined and motivated. Their military hardware is still limited, but they have the advantage in manpower, with 92,000 soldiers, including about 40,000 irregulars, compared with the Bosnian Serb Army of 75,000, which is stretched to the limit trying to hold on to 70 per cent of Bosnia. If the Serbs have to reinforce positions around Sarajevo with brigades from other parts of Bosnia, they could leave gaps in their defensive lines.

There are a number of strategic Serb-held locations where the Muslims, often backed by Croat artillery, have been focusing smaller attacks in the past six to nine months. If the Sarajevo operation is successful, the BiH would have to maintain a huge force in the area to keep the Serbs at bay. But the BiH may also keep up the momentum by switching resources to these other areas.

The key areas of interest to the Bosnian Government include the Posavena corridor, the thin strip of territory in the northeast which runs from Serbia, via the Serb-controlled town of Brcko, on to the Serb Krajina enclave in Croatia. The Muslims and Croats jointly have attacked this vital Serb supply route ever since Brcko was seized by the Serbs in one of the first operations of the war.

Unusually for Bosnia, this is flat terrain which is excellent for tank manoeuvres and the Serbs have held the advantage. The Muslim-Croat assaults have hardly changed the front lines, although the corridor at its narrowest point is still less than five miles.

If the Bosnian Government Army, aided by Croat guns, could close this route, it would cut off supplies to Krajina and the Serb-held towns in north-west Bosnia such as Bihac and Banja Luka.

The other area where the BiH might want to reinforce for a concerted attack is in the Serb stronghold of Ozren in the north. The BiH has previously tried to seize a strategic road that runs along the southern end of the region to secure a supply route from Tuzla to Zenica, both Muslim cities. All attempts have failed, but a rejuvenated BiH might feel more confident about taking on the Serbs in the Posavena corridor and Ozren.

Serbs may not free rest of UN monitors

FROM EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
IN ATHENS

FEARS were growing yesterday that the Bosian Serbs may backtrack on their promise to free 15 United Nations monitors still being held hostage in retaliation for last month's Nato airstrikes.

Gerasimos Arsenis, the Greek Defence Minister who helped to persuade Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, to free the other UN hostages, said yesterday that the massive offensive launched by the Muslim-led Bosnian Government around Sarajevo may dash hopes that the monitors will soon be freed.

"We hope the remaining hostages will be freed. On the other hand, we have a resumption of fighting and I can't hide my concern that this process will not go through," Mr Arsenis said. He and Karolos Papoulias, the Greek Foreign Minister, went to the Bosnian Serb base at Pale two weeks ago to try to mediate an end to the hostage crisis.

The 15 monitors still being held are seen as being especially vulnerable because their duties entailed helping to

HOSTAGES

guide Nato jets to their targets during airstrikes. Dr Karadzic said on Tuesday, when the previous group of British hostages were freed, that the monitors could not be released then for unexplained "technical reasons", but that they would go free within days.

Mr Papoulias also expressed fears about the repercussions of the battle for Sarajevo. "If the Muslim build-up continues, we should be worried. It will be a war of total horror," he said.

The mission by Mr Papoulias and Mr Arsenis to Pale has been hailed in Athens as a success for Greek mediation. It is believed, however, that President Milosevic of Serbia was initially deeply unhappy about the ministers' intervention, because he wanted to be seen in the West as the man responsible for winning the freedom of the hostages.

"Greece has excellent ties with Pale and can intervene in a way other countries cannot," Mr Papoulias said. "We decided to use these ties to help the hostages." It is unclear what Greece can do to help the remaining hostages, who come from 12 countries.

EUROPEAN UNION

Schengen zone to expand

Brussels: The Nordic Union and the Schengen group of European Union states agreed terms yesterday for an effective merger, clearing the way for abolition of border controls from the Mediterranean to the Arctic.

Ministers from the Nordic states and Belgium, which holds the presidency of the ten-nation Schengen group, adopted a memorandum setting out a framework that will allow Denmark, Finland and Sweden to be fully integrated into the Schengen zone without sacrificing a 40-year tradition of open borders with Norway and Iceland.

Bjorn Westh, the Danish Justice Minister, said that the agreement was a "significant breakthrough" and made a merger of the two passport-free zones only a matter of time. *(AFP)*

Protest delays new commander

Kishinev: Hundreds of women protesting at the resignation of General Aleksandr Lebed, head of the Russian 14th Army in Moldavia's separatist Dnestr republic, blocked the runway at Tiraspol airport and prevented an aircraft carrying his successor from landing. *(Reuter)*

Tanzania halts Burundi exodus

Bujumbura: Tanzanian troops prevented up to 10,000 Rwandan war refugees from crossing the border out of troubled northeastern Burundi, UN officials said. It was unclear what led to the exodus from Mugano camp, only a few miles from the Tanzania border. *(Reuter)*

Call for bomb tests in Paris

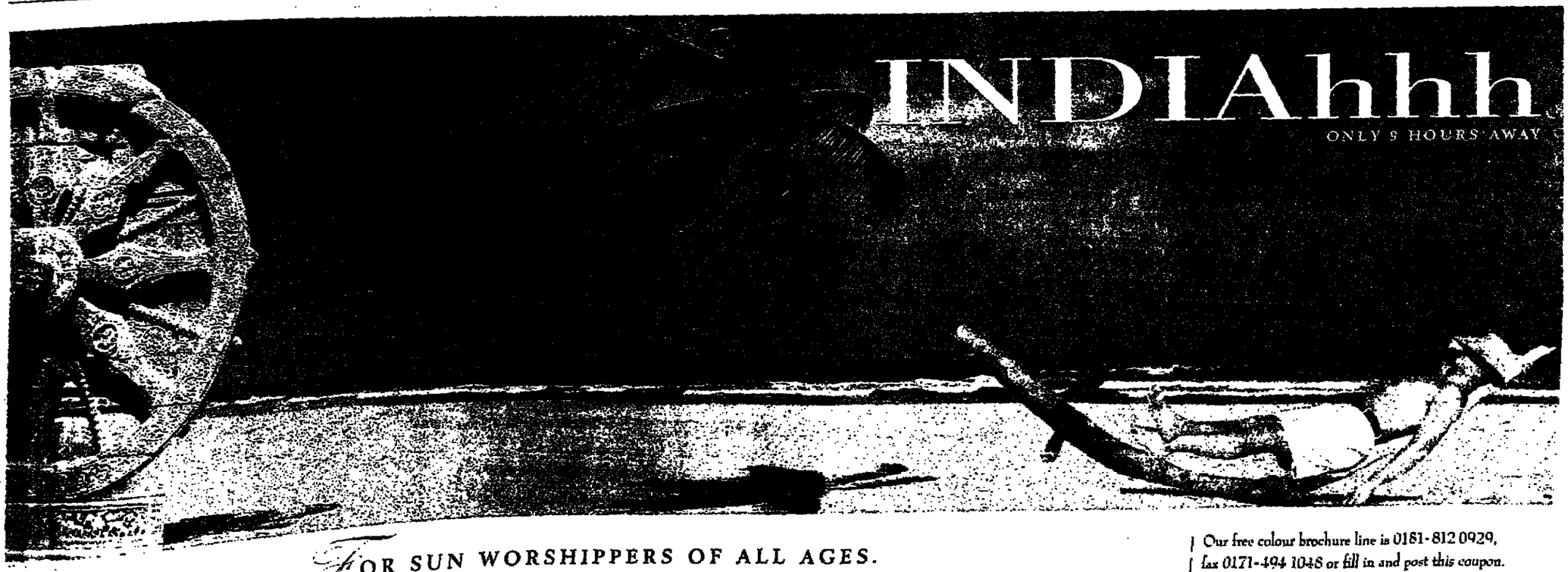
Tokyo: Makiko Tanaka, the Japanese Science Minister, attacked France's decision to resume nuclear testing and said it should detonate its weapons in suburban Paris rather than the South Pacific. She thought the tests were for boosting French esteem rather than safety. *(Reuter)*

Pensioners die in coach crash

Tarragona: Thirteen elderly people were killed and 21 others were injured when a tourist coach and a trailer lorry collided head-on in eastern Spain. The coach was taking more than 40 pensioners back to Valencia after a three-day holiday in an Ebro nature park. *(Reuter)*

Bakhtiar killers jailed for life

Paris: A French court sentenced six Iranians in absentia to life imprisonment for their role in the 1991 murder of Shapour Bakhtiar, the late Shah's last Prime Minister. The six, who include Farydoun Boyerahmadi, 42, and Muhammad Azadi, 35, are in hiding or abroad. *(Reuter)*



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Arise Sir Cliff, a reluctant rock'n'roll rebel to suit the climate of the times, says **Peter Barnard**

Congratulations, bachelor boy

Richard I, Richard II, Richard III, Richard, Cliff. This order of entries from Chambers Biographical Dictionary should have prepared avid perusers of reference works for today's elevation of Richard, Cliff to the ranks of the knighted.

Here, at last, is a man from the modern cultural establishment who can safely be admitted to Buckingham Palace without the slightest fear that he may greet the Queen with a kiss or subsequently toss his award back over the gates in churlish protest at some act of policy.

Here instead is the safest pair of shoulders that ever bent before a monarch. Far from being a cause for dismay and further ridiculing of the honours system, the forthcoming arrival of Sir Cliff demonstrates that if the system has any point at all, Mr Richard (as he briefly remains) is the very embodiment of it.

Compared with some who have been handed titles in modern times, Mr Richard is a shining example of old-fashioned British decency and the ability to succeed by sheer force of will.

His knighthood completes a quite remarkable transition: the British Elvis Presley, circa 1959, becomes the male Dame Vera Lynn, 1995.

There are those of us who saw it coming, long ago and far away. From the press seats of the ABC cinema in Plymouth, some time around 1964, I watched Cliff Richard for the first time and knew that he was Good.

For one thing, the concert began when the ticket said it would, something none of the tedious rock'n'roll "rebels" of the era would allow to happen. For another, you could hear the words, which were sung in tune. Mr Richard also possessed the ability to move his feet other than for the purposes of propelling a football into the circle or the goal.

The songs, although lyrically unchallenging, seemed to celebrate the state of being young rather than resembling a suicide note from a teenager depressed by acne. Backstage, Mr Richard gave me an interview and as I left he said: "Thank you for coming to see me, Mr Barnard." I was about 18 years old at the time.

All of this rendered Mr Richard a hopeless non-runner in the struggle to be Britain's version of Elvis Presley. There was no chance whatsoever that at some point in his forties Mr Richard would be found in a toilet, bloated, drugged and dead.

And in life, especially his pre-army life, Presley carried an air of youthful malevolence and sexual chemistry that came from inside. Mr Richard's sex appeal had the aura of something more wholesome and his demeanour suggested that he would bring your daughter back by midnight, and intact.

Of course, there have, from time to time, been tabloid efforts to suggest that nobody's daughter was at risk from Mr Richard, but these have come to nought. Given the number of people in showbusiness for whom marriage is a public relations exercise, we ought to be grateful to Mr Richard for refusing to bother us with more than the occasional glimpse of his private life.

I do not pretend to be an admirer of Mr Richard's music but I do have a certain admiration for him, not least because his avowal of Christianity could have (and perhaps did) damage his career. In an industry in which such gods as exist drive Porsches, this kind of step takes real courage, a quality sufficiently rare in public figures to be worth cherishing.

Those who found Mr Richard's religion risible were the very people who thought the Beatles "cool" when they climbed mountains in India (where Mr Richard was born) to strum sitars at the feet of bearded geriatrics, implicity supporting the contention that when people stop believing in God they believe, not in nothing, but in anything.

Mr Richard believes in something and could not care less who knows it. This belief is another bonus point from the standpoint of those who hand out honours, for it puts an establishment label on the ethical centre that most of us possess, even if we do not choose to call it Christianity.

The root benefits of a knighted Mr Richard are more prosaic. After the cross-generational farces of John Lennon sending back his MBE and the award of an honorary knighthood to Bob Geldof, the all-swearing five o'clock shadow man, the knighting of Mr Richard now forces popular music back where it hates to be: in the conservative heartland of British life.

The reality of Mr Richard's musical contribution is not that he is different but that he is honest. Pop music is an industry like any other and its air of being rebellious and nonconformist is a cloak put on for the purpose of making money.

Those in the industry who deride Mr Richard would sell their grandmothers for half his record sales and a quarter of his professional longevity. They may have mocked him for sharing a bill with Dame Vera Lynn at the VE-Day commemoration concerts, but that event in itself demonstrated that Mr Richard is in closer touch with the mind-set of Middle England than any grunge rocker could ever hope to be.

Paul Simon, another ageing rock star, has a song with the line: "Every generation throws a hero up the pop charts."

Having thrown Mr Richard in that direction with *Living Doll* in 1959, few of his fans could have imagined that the former Harry Webb, with almost as much hair and just as svelte a figure, would step forward 35 years later to receive the ultimate seal of approval. Arise Sir Cliff.

Dudley Fishburn defends the idea of dialogue with Labour

Talking to the enemy

Become a Member of Parliament and suspend all judgment. No longer deal with the world as it is and is known to be. And certainly, if a Tory, don't mention the fact that Labour, 39 per cent ahead in the polls and only a handful of seats behind in Parliament, may one day form a government. That is sacrilege: mankind, as T.S. Eliot observes, cannot stand very much reality.

That is why so many people looked askance at my suggestion, published in a piece circulated in the City, that business would do well to make its number with the Opposition. The obvious and true do not sit happily on the lips of a politician: good advice equals betrayal.

What kind of MPs do the public want? Loyal, yes, to party and country. But blind and dumb too? I doubt it. The great victory of Conservatism this generation is that it has finally brought an end to Socialism. This is Margaret Thatcher's triumph, pressed home by John Major. Conservative policies have become the received wisdom of the Opposition. The country is a vastly better place for it: an open, market-driven economy and a commitment to low inflation and free trade is now guaranteed across both sides of the House. There could be no better news for Britain.

But the Government seems quite unable to claim any credit for this remarkable triumph. There are no laurels or plaudits to be had when any MP, such as myself, says: "Hurrah, we won." The parallel here is the end of the Cold War. That was an absolute victory for the West, a huge blow for the good of humanity, and yet no credit has gone to those who fought for it.

But if I cause an outrage when I say that the Labour Party would do well to sharpen up its act by listening to the modern demands of business, then an MP may as well stop trying to promote the national interest. It is a theme to warm to: British business needs to get hold of Labour and shake real policies into its present rhetoric, which seems receptive but is still ill thought-out.

Many MPs seem to think that now Labour has ditched Socialism, the Tories should respond by ditching Conservatism. Let's pull out of Europe, say this lot. Let's respond to our extraordinary success in attracting foreign investment by running up the flag of xenophobia. Let's pitch our tent away from the crowded ground where everybody lives and works and head off to more lonely places.

The country, and the West in general, is in a Conservative, no-nonsense mood. I doubt it will return a left-of-centre party at the next election. But will it ever return the Opposition to government? Of course it will, or this would be no democracy. But none of this may be spoken. And so the thought police get to us and reality recedes. Is it any wonder that Parliament and parliamentarians are seen as ever more marginal to the real way in which Britain bustles? But this collapse in the wisdom of Westminster is not reflected in the country's performance. Business leadership and confidence are streets ahead of anything found in Parliament. The quality of people, dealing with real issues and building real wealth, is of a different order from those building a political house of cards.

Here, at last, is a Britain that is taking on the world and winning. The average working Briton spends over a third of his day producing a product which is sold abroad: exports are soaring; Britain's investment around the world is at a record high; and in my own constituency of Kensington there is a cosmopolitan life that makes London the undisputed centre of international activity between the Urals and New York.

These are all good reasons for saying that the commercial life of our nation — which is the way that real people spend their real time and energies — should educate politicians, and that politicians (Labour ones too) should listen to business. That is in the national interest and any Tory knows it.

Everywhere, we are succeeding because we are — relative to our competitors — open, liberal, unencumbered by prejudice or regulation: Tory values all. Everywhere, that is, except in Parliament where not too much reality is allowed in to spoil a party game that is a generation out of date and where the Tories' greatest triumphs may not be whispered.

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Disappearing Delftware

Vermeer's splendid Dutch landscape should be returned to Delft as a reminder of a lost vision



Detail from Vermeer's *View of Delft*. A heavy cloud darkens the foreground, but behind rooftops and church towers glow in the sunlight

Simon Jenkins

I made a mistake this week. I supposed that one of Europe's most splendid landscapes, Vermeer's *View of Delft* hanging in The Hague, portrayed a scene that could be enjoyed today. I hoped one day to visit the old buildings shimmering above water, the huge Dutch clouds darkening the town's gates and walls and the sunlight darting over the rooftops behind.

We should not surround works of art with these fantasies. Or if we do — as we always do — we should at least not put them to the test of reality. Travel in northern Europe is now a monotonous experience. You drive from London along a standard motorway to Heathrow. You check in at a standard airport, board a standard aircraft, receive a standard snack, land at a standard airport, hire a standard car and drive on another standard motorway to a standard hotel. The products, the services, architecture, even the lettering, are the same. At this level, Europe already has a common currency, one of designer blandness.

Returning from a conference in the Netherlands on Monday, I found I had time spare to visit Delft. It was the birthplace of Vermeer and setting for what the art historian, Arthur Wheelock, calls "perhaps the greatest celebration of a city's existence ever created", the artist's *View of Delft*. There was rain and sun in the air. The sky was Vermeer's alternate grey and blue. I would make a pilgrimage to the home of the master and seek out the setting.

Delft is one of Europe's minor marvels. Like Bruges in Belgium or England's Rye it was declared obsolete by the 19th century and unimportant by the bomb-targeters of the 20th. The core still contains the Old Church and New Church, the town hall, the market square, the armoury, and is penetrated by a pretty network of canals and bridges. Delft is a genteel Venice, a Venice with trees and modest amounts of traffic. It still trades in Delftware and is prosperous and attractive to those who wish to live in towns but without dirt or noise. It, thus, faces the 21st century in good shape.

Yet ask at the visitor centre after Delft's most famous son and you will be shown to the main square and the large statue of Grotius, the jurist. Remind them of Vermeer and they will dig out a dusty leaflet not translated into English and point to a plaque on a modern building. It marks his birthplace, where his father lived in the market square. They deny all knowledge of the house in the Catholic ghetto in which he is known to have lived with his wife and her mother, brought up his 11 children and painted most of his interiors. Asking after the setting of the *View of Delft*, I was pointed in the wrong direction, to the Oostpoort gate. There is no Vermeer museum, no monument, just an inscription in the church. The prophet is truly without honour in his own land.

Vermeer's *View of Delft* was a break from the formal perspectives of European cities popular at the time. The vision of his native town was intimate and personal, as if executed for his own amusement or as one of his experiments with camera obscura lenses and the play of light. The picture is impressionistic. The artist appears unconcerned with precise detail and did not even put the buildings in the correct relation to each other. He strains the composition to give depth to a flat Dutch townscape.

Thus a heavy cloud darkens the foreground, lending the gates and fortifications along the riverbank a sombre tone. The effect is exaggerated by their reflection in the river. Yet behind this foreground, the rooftops and church towers of the town's interior glow in sunlight. Another Vermeer scholar, John Nash, finds the power of the picture in this contrast of light behind and shade in front. Delft presents a dour façade to the outside world, he says, but the sun shines on "the living town with all its human activity" glimpsed beyond. Here is "the visible and the unseen heart of Delft".

The picture was the first Vermeer to be rediscovered in the 19th century, when it was bought by the new Maritshuis collection in The Hague. There, it amazed the French art historian, Theophile Thore, who "retained an indelible memory of this masterpiece" even after a feast of Rembrandts. It has now been cleaned and redisplayed at the Maritshuis, with a startling alteration in its appearance. Most Vermeer enthusiasts will know it as a brooding work, later varnishes covering clouds, water and brickwork in a brown haze. These have been removed and Vermeer's colouring revived. The contrast between shade and sunlight is now stark. The city floats on water with which it is surrounded. The Dutch sky, which fills half the canvas, is now less oppressive, more luminous.

But my fantasy has exploded. The setting is gone. The Schiedam and Rotterdam gates portrayed in the painting are no more, nor is the town wall or even the course of the river. A railway track appears to have supplanted it and a traffic interchange swirls by the stretch of canal that does remain to the right of the scene. Not even a ghost survives. Only across the town at the Oostpoort is a twin-towered gate and bascule bridge reminiscent of the one in Vermeer's painting. I suppose the tourist office is right. This leafy and picturesque corner evokes Vermeer's Delft better than the true location, though Vermeer is in no way picturesque. His riverbank is businesslike, the commercial artery that brought the wealth of the East Indies to the burghers of Delft.

The church towers are still there. The redbrick gables and handsome houses still look down on canals and bridges. The streets and façades of 17th-century Delft survive, but not Vermeer's mysterious buildings magnified in water, not his metaphorical rampart-and-moat protecting the city of light from the landscape of darkness.

Seventeenth-century Holland was a country not of villages but of towns, independent and confident, wallowing in Simon Schama's "embarrassment of riches". It was a land of Victorian values three centuries before their time. Civic self-reliance was allied to political and commercial freedom and was considered crucial to it. The citizens of Delft despised central governments (and would never have signed Maastricht).

As Schama points out, The Netherlands of the Golden Age contrived to be both open to novelty — in art, commerce, religion and even tulips — and yet introverted and bourgeois. For most of his life, Vermeer, the son of a publican and rentier, could afford to paint little, yet raise a large family. He rarely travelled and drew his inspiration from paintings bought by him and his friends and from such artists as might visit Delft. Yet he produced pictures of startling technical originality. Such is the *View of Delft*, his only apparent homage to his native town.

The painting ought surely to be returned to Delft. The practice of shutting up such specific works of art in distant national mausoleums must end. Delft's town hall, now being restored, waits invitingly for a masterpiece.

As triptychs are left in churches and frescoes in palaces, so works of civic art can surely be entrusted to the towns they celebrate. They should not be anaesthetised by exile. Delft may no longer be the Delft of Vermeer. The fantasy may have burst and the town be moving towards the European common currency of design. But at least it could get its picture back.

Tennis elbow



TWITCHY nerves in the post-Nolan climate are leading Tory MPs to reject one of the great perks of parliamentary life — free Centre Court tickets plus strawberries and cream at Wimbledon. In previous years, scores of backbenchers and ministers breezily snapped up offers of a day at the All-England championships. But now they fear accusations of sleaze if they exceed the magic limit of £160 for accepting hospitality from a company or lobbyist.

"In the present climate, I just daren't take the risk," shuddered one minister who turned down the offer. Roger Willoughby, clerk of the Register of Members' Interests, pronounces that a day at the championships is marginal. "I do not know the cost of Centre Court tickets but, combined with a lunch, they could come to more than £160. But MPs may think it hardly decent to ask their host."

Wimbledon's local MP, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, is exasperated. "This paranoia has got completely out of control. Whether you go to the All-England or the opera you are hardly likely to say to your host, how much is this costing you? The whole thing has been extended *ad absurdum*."

But the rejections have cheered up at least one MP. "Tee hee," laughs Labour's Tony Banks. "So Nolan is spoiling Tory MPs' social lives now — that will teach 'em. I can imagine MPs going along with calculators to these things in future and turning down an extra drink in case it breaks the limit. Maybe lots of Labour MPs will get invited now instead."

● *Nelson Mandela took the podium at a rally near Ladysmith on the anniversary of the Soweto uprising yesterday, with today's rugby semi-final on his mind. Sporting a Springbok supporters' hat, he exhorted the crowd: "We must all be behind our boys for the match. We will do to the French what we did to the Australians!"*

Turfed in

THE SCENE in the British Embassy's sublime gardens in Prague on Thursday night for the party in honour of Her Majesty's birthday was quintessentially English. Celebrations were understated, the brass band played and our man, Sir Michael Burton, and his wife glided among the assorted diplomats, military top brass and local notables.

As one English guest pointed out to the Burtons, even the grass smelt evocatively of home. "Actually that's because the turf was imported from England," Lady Burton informed him.

Unsuited

AS MPS on the Tory 1922 Committee fuelled talk yesterday of a challenge to John Major's premiership, there are whispers of a plot to remove *them* from their positions. For many of the Young Turks want a shake-up of the 18-member executive to oust "oldie" MPs, dubbed the "men in grey suits", who, they fear, may be unduly sensitive about telling Major to go.

The plotters are targeting grandees retiring at the next election who dominate the executive, including Sir Peter Hordern, Sir Anthony Grant, Dame Jill Knight, Sir John Hannam, Sir Anthony Durant and Sir Fergus Montgomery. "These men in grey suits are now so grey they'll never tell Major the truth," grumbles a younger member of the executive. "They're busy keeping their noses clean until they retire, in the hope of a peerage."



'If you listen closely you can hear the oil companies panicking'

Cheam spirit

TWO DISTINGUISHED alumni of Cheam Hawtreys, one of our oldest prep schools, near Newbury, have rallied round for this weekend's festivities to mark the 350th anniversary of the foundation of Cheam School. The Duke of Edinburgh and the Prince of Wales have donated the tombola prizes.

Sadly Trooping the Colour duties prevented them attending the ball, cricket match and relay race. "But they sent messages and the Prince of Wales has very kindly donated a signed copy of his book about Highgrove and the Duke of Edinburgh a framed print of a razorbill," says a spokesman for the school. "They sent them for the tombola, but we are going to raffle them. They are certainly unusual prizes."

Seeing red

THE FRIENDSHIP between Lord Healey and General Sir John Hackett, dating from their Oxford days, was once sorely tested. At an Imperial War Museum reception yesterday Hackett reminisced on how he had to clench his teeth when Healey, who had flirted briefly with the Communists while a student, arrived as Defence Secretary during his time as deputy Chief of Staff.

The ministry had a strict rule that no former member of the Communist Party could see files above a certain level of certification. "Yet there I was handing over to this man files marked top secret, for your eyes only, destroy immediately after reading and so on," says Hackett. "But I could hardly keep the Secretary of State in the dark."

House call

THE Shakepearean actor Sir Robert Stephens continues to make a favourable impression on the heir to the throne. "We spent a day last week recording the tavern scene from *Henry IV* with the Prince of Wales at Highgrove for the *Prince's Choice* recording," says his wife, Patricia Quinn, who also took a part (as did Toby, Robert's son by Dame Maggie Smith).

"A studio was set up in the drawing room and the Prince took the part of Prince Hal and Robert was Falstaff. We were meant to record solidly for two hours. But halfway through Robert announced he had to answer a call of nature. The Prince then said he had to as well as did Toby, Robert's son, so they all scampered off to different loos. But they didn't have to queue in Highgrove. They had one each."



Patricia Quinn: no queues for the royal loo at Highgrove

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IN SARAJEVO

This is a fight for life, not a fight to the death

The Bosnian Government offensive in and around Sarajevo is a gamble for high stakes. It has two purposes: to ease the Bosnian Serb stranglehold on the city; and to inflict enough military damage on the Bosnian Serbs to convince them that a negotiated settlement is in their interest, thus ending the diplomatic stalemate of the past year. Since neither of these objectives would be achieved were they to heed the appeal from Halifax for "an immediate moratorium on military operations", the West's leaders were wasting their breath. The Bosnian Government's predictable retort was that the siege of Sarajevo is in itself a military operation.

The UN is, for the moment, a bystander; its 5,000 peacekeepers in Sarajevo can do little but keep track of the fighting and stay out of the line of fire. But this outbreak of fighting, serious and large-scale as it is, should not be seen as the decisive moment when outside intervention ceases to have any point. On the contrary, it could if successful shift the psychological as well as the military balance in this conflict, making a more robust relief effort possible while greater diplomatic pressure is applied. The offensive should therefore act as a spur to speed up the deployment of the Anglo-French Rapid Reaction Force, even if America shamefully will not honour its legal and moral obligation to pay its share of the costs.

The Bosnian Government forces have the advantage of the Serbs in manpower, and by sustaining their offensive across several fronts have showed that they are now far better grouped and trained — and somewhat better armed. But lifting the siege permanently is almost certainly well beyond their capacity, and probably not in their plans. It would take them weeks of heavy fighting, in which the Serbs' superiority in heavy weaponry — greatly accentuated by their seizure of nine UN-guarded weapons depots three weeks ago — would inflict enormous casualties, civilian as well as military. The more restricted Bosnian objective, given the UN's admitted incapacity to reprovision the city, is to open and hold open at least one major route into Sarajevo. Their apparent success in cutting the road between the Bosnian Serb headquarters in Pale and Lukavica, a Serb barracks close to Sarajevo, is of secondary importance. It will have boosted morale, but the parallel effort to dislodge the Serbs from the road that runs north of the city from Vogoska to Olovo and on to the government stronghold of Tuzla in central Bosnia is of far greater potential importance for the city's survival. Even if the current offensive in this area succeeds, the Serbs would still have to be dislodged from the city's northern perimeter — but that no longer seems the military impossibility it was only a few months ago.

This offensive remains extremely risky, and the Bosnian Government knows that hard as it will be for the Bosnian Army to dislodge the Serbs, it will be even harder to hold onto its gains — particularly if the Serbs move brigades from other parts of Bosnia. With 75,000 troops holding an extended front line, the Serbs would however be highly vulnerable elsewhere if they reinforced around Sarajevo. Even temporary success would also demonstrate that the Serbs no longer held the military initiative.

That will be the moment when diplomacy has its chance. Muhamed Sacirbey, Bosnia's Foreign Minister, says that his Government is prepared to stop fighting and "await political pressure" in exchange for assured relief for Sarajevo and the removal of heavy weapons from the UN-declared exclusion zone. Today, that prospect may seem more distant than ever. But the Serbs are now under some pressure clean across Bosnia. That is why even minor Bosnian military gains could, if the West's nerve holds, improve the odds for peace before winter.

A TAX ON CARING

Keeping the elderly at home should not be penalised

The High Court has ruled that families who create accommodation for elderly relatives in their own homes — what are popularly known as "granny flats" — are liable to pay two separate council tax bills. Dwellings provided for aged parents are to be regarded as independent households for tax purposes, even when they are a portion of the main house. Mr Justice Ognall, by finding in favour of the Inland Revenue which brought the case on appeal, has dealt a blow to all those families who already take on the expensive responsibility of caring for the elderly at home.

To add further injury, such families are likely to have to pay the additional tax retrospectively from 1993. The Inland Revenue wants this judgment to remove any ambiguity in present practice: council valuation officers may now feel they have no choice but to assess any house with a granny flat as two dwellings. If this is so, it will be a clear disincentive for families to provide this dignified and humane solution to the problem of ageing parents.

Groups concerned with the welfare of the elderly are justifiably outraged. It is short-sighted and little short of vindictive for the Treasury (in the form of the Inland Revenue) to pursue those who are saving vast amounts of taxpayers' money by looking after the aged in their own homes. Even when it is technically correct to designate a granny flat as an independent dwelling, it would be insensitive and officious to use this as an excuse to increase the tax burden on the old themselves or on their conscientious children.

But a great deal hinges on the correctness of such a definition. An Inland Revenue spokesman has said that the High Court was ruling on a point of law rather than practical detail: it had no power to decide what actually constitutes a "separate dwelling". Thus the five cases involved in this hearing will have to be referred back to valuation tribunals for a final adjudication on their status.

Nonetheless, Inland Revenue sources have taken it upon themselves to say that in order to be "self-contained", premises need not have their own front door or even their own lavatory or bathroom. This statement flies in the face of common sense as well as fair play. Rental accommodation that had no private lavatory could not properly be advertised as "self-contained".

Revenue authorities have also stated that tax liability will not be affected by whether or not the occupant of a granny flat pays rent. The logic of this comment seems even harder to defend: those who pay no rent have no legal rights as tenants. Legally, they are nothing more than guests in the home. How then can they be judged eligible for taxation as an independent household?

Some of the most damaging effects of this decision may still be avoided. Council valuation officers could have it within their power to define "separate dwellings" in ways that will exclude a great many of the most vulnerable people from tax. They may, for example, be free to establish quite strict criteria for the category of "self-contained" premises: having separate metering for utilities, for example, or a distinct postal address. This judgment needs to be interpreted in a way that does not flout the Government's own principle of encouraging care in the community.

CHARLIE IS MY BARGAIN

Well plaid the Stuarts, for once in their calamitous careers

The tartan that Bonnie Prince Charlie wore at Culloden is a colourful skirt-tail to history. This used to be as puzzling a trick question as the length of Cleopatra's nose, the Turin Shroud or the name that Achilles assumed when he hid himself among women.

But centuries of tartan conjecture have now been solved by tartanologists at the National Museum of Scotland after eight years of scientific detection across the length and breadth of the Highlands and clans. Working on a piece of cloth no bigger than a scrap of Oxyrhynchus papyrus, they have reconstructed and authenticated it as part of the kilt that the Young Pretender wore when he fled from the fatal battle that ended the Stuart pretensions. Its MacDonald and Campbell provenance is woven solid. And chromatography and spectroscopy have analysed the ancient vegetable dyes that were used before the Victorians standardised tartans with synthetics. Their stripes of red, black and yellow on a blue-green base conform to the colour-coding of tartans, which favours wild clash over chromatic harmony.

This rediscovered Jacobite tartan, which has been adopted as the badge of the new Museum of Scotland, brings dead romance back to life. But it does not prove anything historically momentous about Scottish dress. It is true that Bonnie Prince Charlie's ancestor, James V, was described and painted wearing hose of "Heland tartane". But in those days a man's tartan depended on personal whim and the dyes available.

After Culloden the kilt was banned, except for the Government's Highland bands, which became the Black Watch. They were the only Highlanders allowed to bear arms, and at the same time bare their legs beneath the Campbell tartan. The modern protocol of Scottish national dress was invented after the tartan frenzy of George IV's visit to Edinburgh in 1822, and by Victoria and Albert's tartanitis, which made them design the Balmoral tartan and decorate every surface in their Deeside cottage with a different sett.

The rediscovery of this primitive Stuart tartan is a romantic triumph. But more important: it has hard-headed commercial and tourist potential. The ancestral kilt-makers and shops selling tourist trinketry along Princes Street, Sauchiehall Street and Union Street will already find the "correct" tartan to go with any name in any nation's phonebook, however un-Caledonian. They will deck out any figure of whatever shape or colour from bonnet to diced hose in Royal Stuart or whatever other vivid tartan takes the figure's fancy. In spite of the purist rule that tartan should be worn only north of the Highland Line, Black Watch and all the other tartans are the fashion accessories of the year from Tokyo to Paris.

Tartan is about commerce, not romance. That was a lesson the Stuarts never managed to learn when they were trying to be kings and pretenders. But two and a half centuries after they finally lost their thrones, they have left their fellow-Scots a nice little tartan bawbee-earner to tuck in their authentic clan sporrans.

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Plea for room to bargain on EU

From Lord Plumb, MEP for Cotswolds (European People's Party Parliamentary Group (Conservative)), and others

Sir, As we approach the European Council meeting in Cannes (June 26 and 27) and the first discussions on the subjects likely to be raised at the 1996 inter-governmental conference, we write to express our concern about the Government's room for manoeuvre on Europe being compromised.

Britain must be an active participant in these discussions, contributing to an effective, robust European Union in the longer term. It is not in our national interest to shut off options now about participation in EU policies in the future. Our agenda should focus on three priorities.

First, we must ensure that EU countries have the capacity to act effectively in the area of foreign and security policy, at the same time strengthening transatlantic relations.

Second, we must continue the process of EU enlargement to other countries, recognising that this will involve institutional changes. Obtaining greater influence for bigger member states in the Council of Ministers, for example, requires a willingness to negotiate in other areas.

Third, as the Prime Minister negotiated, we must maintain our right to decide whether to participate in a single currency in the future. Surveys show that most large British companies believe that it would be in our long-term interest to do so.

The changes now being considered should be designed to promote maximum popular support for UK membership of the EU. We need to reassure the business community by providing a prosperous and stable environment in which to operate, and to inspire a younger generation with optimism about our future prospects at the heart of Europe.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY PLUMB
(Leader of the Conservatives in the European Parliament),
BRYAN CASSIDY,
GILES CHICHESTER,
JOHN CORRIE,
BRENDAN DONNELLY,
JAMES ELLES, CAROLINE JACKSON,
EDWARD KELLETT-BOWMAN,
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ROBERT STURDY,
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June 15.

Tory leadership

From Mr John E. Strafford

Sir, In your report (June 13) of James Naughtie's interview with Margaret Thatcher she states, in connection with a Conservative leadership election: "That should be decided by rather more than the membership in Parliament — by the Conservative Party."

In saying this she shows that she is in touch with the "grass roots" of the party: national research by Sheffield University, published at the end of last year, showed a majority of Conservatives believed that the party leader should be elected by a system of one member, one vote.

It is time for a National Conservative Party to be created, with a constitution based on the principles of democracy and democratic accountability, and in which there would be national membership in partnership with local associations.

The Conservatives could then turn the spotlight on the undemocratic nature of the Labour Party.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN E. STRAFFORD,
Perama, Fulmer Road,
Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.
June 16.

From Mr Aidan V. Lyons

Sir, Why all the fuss? Of course John Major is doing things differently, and was not that the very reason why Maggie got the order of the boot?

Regards,
AIDAN V. LYONS,
6a Linden Park Road,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
June 12.

From Mr K. Davidson-Hall

Sir, I was privileged last evening to attend *The Times*/Dillons Forum in London. How uplifting it was to hear Baroness Thatcher's views at first hand as she expressed, in typically forthright style, the tremendous energy and excitement she radiates.

How vast a gulf there now is between her and her successor. She said that the policies needed were more rather than less conservative. This may be true but, in my view, if they are to succeed we also need the personality to present them.

Mr Major has no natural sense of purpose or direction, without which he finds navigation a problem. Is it any wonder then that he and his administration hit every rock in the ocean with such depressing inevitability? He must step down soon to make way for someone who knows where he (or she) is going.

Yours sincerely,
KEVIN DAVIDSON-HALL,
82 Western Road, Wolverton,
Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.
June 14.

ITV's coverage of rugby World Cup

From Mr Piet Theron

Sir, Robert Burrows's article, "Good try, but TV needs conversion" (Media, June 7), raised a good many eyebrows in the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) and also some anger.

From the outset of the Rugby World Cup (RWC '95 project the SABC have been open and straightforward with the licensed broadcasters, making no bones about the fact that we were new boys, willing to learn and to heed positive criticism from our internationally experienced colleagues. Throughout the planning and implementation of this project we have encouraged the licensed broadcasters to express their ideas freely, and we have implemented changes to our procedures where and when necessary.

It was therefore rather disappointing to learn through Mr Burrows, the executive producer of ITV's World Cup team, of this criticism, knowing full well that most of these allegations have not been aired by ITV at the regular briefing and post-mortem sessions since the start of the tournament.

He refers to "a technical nightmare" during the opening day in Cape Town. This is a rather sweeping statement. We are certainly not aware of any noteworthy bad dreams at that time and our post-mortem meeting of that match, at which ITV were present, did not reveal nightmarish conditions.

Mr Burrows talks about "criticism mounting at the daily briefing sessions" — once again a sweeping statement. We are satisfied that our colleagues, although experiencing frustrations and from time to time having every reason to criticise us, are happy with the manner in which their issues were addressed.

We find ITV's (or is it Mr Burrows's?) attitude incomprehensible. Are they (he) perhaps trying to throw up a convenient smokescreen in order to defend against criticism in the UK pertaining to their scheduling and presentation, and/or to discredit the SABC with RWC officials, their agents and rugby followers in the UK?

Yours etc,
P. J. THERON
(Managing Director,
Rugby Broadcasting (Pty) Ltd),
South African Broadcasting Corporation,
Henley Road,
Johannesburg, South Africa.
June 14.

Argentine visits to their war dead

From the Ambassador of the Argentine Republic

Sir, I do not wish to engage in controversy regarding Mr Andrew Gurr's letter of June 12, refuting your leading article of June 6, entitled "Thirteen years on". In particular, I do not wish to make a political issue of the suffering of those bereaved by the conflict of 1982.

As your editorial rightly mentions, and Mr Gurr in a way confirms, more than a decade after the conclusion of the South Atlantic conflict cumbersome regulations are still applied to visits by Argentine relatives of those who died in 1982. The fact remains that the next-of-kin still have no freedom to visit the graves of their loved ones. This is an absurd situation in urgent need of improvement, as your paper rightly points out.

Finally, in connection with an assertion in the editorial, I would like to clarify that the Argentine offer to clear all mines planted in the islands by our troops in 1982 is not subject to other condition than the acceptance of such proposal by the British Government. There is no connection whatsoever between this issue and the visit of relatives to the graves of Argentine soldiers.

I remain sincerely yours,
ROGELIO PFIRTER,
Embassy of the Argentine Republic,
53 Hans Place, SW1.
June 12.

From Captain E. P. Carlisle

Sir, Your June 6 leading article reports good relations and increasing trade with Argentina being endangered by refusal of the Falkland Islands Government to have any contact with that country and even preventing relatives killed in the war visiting their graves.

Is it not time that the British Government imposed its authority over a handful of rabidly anti-Argentinian councillors of its colony and welcomed a visit by the relatives of the fallen, and further took urgent steps to share with Argentina the oil resources believed to lie in the surrounding seas?

Until a settlement is reached not a gallon will flow, but if this situation is allowed to continue, and as the prospects become richer, another war will become increasingly likely. All those young men will have died in vain and we can say goodbye to our territories and our interests in the South Atlantic and any oil or minerals that lie there.

British capital and British venturers built Argentina; there was immense goodwill for this country until the unnecessary war. Is all to be thrown away at the behest of a few craven, mean-spirited "kelpers"?

Yours faithfully,
EDMUND CARLISLE,
Penyrwrlodd,
Hay-on-Wye, via Hereford.

Bradford riots

From Mr Om P. Midha

Sir, Alarmed by the ferocity of the Bradford riots (reports, June 12, 13; leading article, June 13), I incline to the view that the generation of Asian youth born and bred in this country finds itself confused by the cultural norms of its elders, as well as being frustrated by lack of encouragement to integrate with the Western approach to life.

Having been born in India, and after forty years of close involvement in community work here, I feel that police highhandedness is more often than not used as an excuse for perpetration of crime and, simultaneously, for propagating controversial religious beliefs.

Theories about restraint play little part in promoting restraint on anti-social activities, nor do religious constraints inhibit tendencies to vent anger on society. We should not expect police to desist from acting when crime is being committed or to set free culprits to maintain a semblance of harmonious race relations.

In my view, the Bradford youth problem is a national problem; the so-called leaders of the community are powerless to resolve it.

Yours sincerely,
O. P. MIDHA,
1 Woodbine Avenue,
Gosforth,
Newcastle upon Tyne.
June 13.

Air crash anomaly

From Group Captain P. C. Vangucci, RAF (retd)

Sir, Your report (June 16) of the inquiry into the Chinook helicopter crash indicated that the widows of the pilots would not be entitled to receive any compensation because the pilots had been held to blame. Most, if not all, people make mistakes at some time in their lives, although thankfully very few have major or tragic consequences. By the very nature of their job pilots have more opportunity to err than most.

A decision to deny compensation seems to me beyond the bounds of natural justice. I wonder how many of those with whom I flew for nearly 30 years knew of any such ruling when they were constantly in situations where they could have been held liable for any accident or incident that might have occurred. I certainly did not.

If the ruling has the force of law, may I nevertheless express the hope that mercy will temper justice. A Ministry of Defence decision to ensure that the widows, and any children, of these pilots receive compensation in line with the widows of the others who so tragically lost their lives in the accident would, I am sure, receive wholehearted public support.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
P. C. VANGUCCI,
Airlie, Lovel Road,
Winkfield, Berkshire.

Living for today

From Mr J. O. Armstrong

Sir, As those of us who have fond memories of the age before political correctness know, the only really worthwhile guiding principle when postponing any action (letters, June 1, 5, 7, 9) is "Do not put off until tomorrow what the wife can be doing today".

Yours faithfully,
J. O. ARMSTRONG,
Thomas de Pype's Mill,
Stoneleigh, Warwickshire.
June 9.

From Mrs Pat Hood

Sir, My husband has the perfect philosophy for putting things off. He says one mustn't rush these things as they are all part of a five-year plan. This plan has been ongoing for 32 years.

Yours faithfully,
PAT HOOD,
1 Vardon Drive, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
June 10.

Luck of the draw

From Mr John Whelan

Sir, What constructive use may be made of failed National Lottery tickets?

The number of books needing a marker is limited. Those brought up on *Blue Peter* could make them into conversation-stimulating coasters and place mats; and when they get too numerous they might be used to paper the smallest room — as a reminder of the money that has gone down the pan.

What else?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WHELAN,
13 The Avenue, Bedford Park, W4.
June 15.

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Urgent need to fill vacant bishopric

From Lord Boyd-Carpenter

Sir, May I, as a churchwarden in the Diocese of Winchester, comment on the quite extraordinary letter from Mr Hector McLean, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Appointments Secretary, which you published on June 13.

Mr McLean appears to ignore the two basic facts: one, that the great Diocese of Winchester has been without a bishop now for some months; and, secondly, that in view both of the delay and the comments made it will be painfully evident to whoever is appointed that he was not the first choice for the vacancy.

It is pretty common knowledge that it has been very difficult to find a successor to the admirable Dr Colin James. One of the reasons may well be the inadequacy of the stipend in the context of the maintenance of a lovely palace and a great position.

If that is so, it is really urgently up to the Church authorities to restore the position, even if it involves saving the necessary money by abolishing a number of officials in the diocese. The longer the vacancy in one of the great bishropics is allowed to continue, the more damage is done to the Church, not only in the diocese but generally.

Many of us would say to the Church authorities: "Get on with it as a matter of urgency."

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
BOYD-CARPENTER,
House of Lords.
June 13.

Priestly commitment

From Mr Robert J. Collinson

Sir, Clergy trade unionists who argued for a stipend of £35,000 a year (report, May 2) would do well to read the Archdeacon of York's "Credo" article (June 10), "How I gave up the Services for life as a servant".

The Venerable George Austin recalls that his first stipend as a vicar was the equivalent today of £9,000 a year, but makes the point that "the priesthood is not about money, nor indeed about much that the world holds dear".

Whatever the reality may be, there is a widespread public perception that not all clergy adopt this approach. The same is true of the archdeacon's comment that the clergy should be "servants not rulers".

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT J. COLLINSON,
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Chorley, Lancashire.
June 13.

From Lieutenant-Colonel Kate Parsons (retd)

Sir, Having read *Journey to Faith* and *Affairs of State* by the Archdeacon of York and your letters (June 6, 8, 13) about the selection of the new bishop of Winchester, I read with delight the Venerable George Austin's "Credo" on his attitude to the priesthood. Surely it is obvious who the next Bishop of Winchester should be.

Yours faithfully,
KATE PARSONS,
11 De La Hay Avenue,
Plymouth, South Devon.
June 13.

Puss in Boots?

From Ms Judith Thwaite

Sir, You report today that cats help scientists to unlock the secret of sleep. Could I be assured that if I have a squirt of this sleep substance that is syphoned off cats, I will not have dreams filled with bowls of Kit-e-Kat and be destined to count fields of mice all night?

Yours faithfully,
JUDITH THWAITE,
63 Park Lane, Congleton, Cheshire.
June 9.

From Mrs P. M. Rex

Sir, So scientists have found that cats sleep well and manufacture cis-9,10-octadecenoamide, a substance that triggers sleep. Rather than take it from their brain and spinal cord should we not learn to purr?

Yours faithfully,
GABRIEL REX,
Badentarbat Lodge,
Achiltibuie, Ullapool, Ross-shire.
June 11.

From Mrs Kay Handford

Sir, An assurance of insomnia is occasioned by reading about cats deprived of sleep to find out why human beings cannot sleep.

Yours faithfully,
KAY HANDFORD,
7 Orchard Road,
Burpham, Guildford, Surrey.

From Mrs Diana Sturch

Sir, I do not want to sleep as much as my cats.

Yours sincerely,
DIANA STURCH,
68 Pinner Road,
Northwood, Middlesex.

From Mr Adrian Brodkin

Sir, But surely, Mr Segal (letter, June 14), a Moggydon will allow no more than a catnap?

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN BRODKIN,
93 Kingsley Way, N2.
June 14.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 16: The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Green Jackets, arrived at Lydd Airport this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Kent (the Lord Kingsdown KG) and the Colonel Commandant (Major General Christopher Wallace).

Her Majesty drove to Lydd Camp and was received by the Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion (Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas Parker).

The Queen watched training in progress and met members of the Battalion who had worked on Her Majesty's cancelled visit to the Regiment of October 1994.

Afterwards The Queen honoured the Commanding Officer with her presence at Luncheon in the Officers' Mess.

The Countess of Airlie, Mr Robin Janvrin and Major James Patrick were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited Unipart House, Cowley, Oxford, and was received by Colonel John Walton (Deputy Lieutenant of Oxfordshire).

Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 16: The Prince of Wales today visited Surrey and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr Richard Thornton).

His Royal Highness, Patron, Painshill Park Trust, this morning visited Painshill Park, Cobham.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon opened an exhibition of sculpture by Laszlo Marton at the Hannah Peschar Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Ockley.

His Royal Highness, Patron, Abbeyfield, later visited David Gresham House, Oxted.

Mr Stephen Lamport was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 16: The Princess of Wales arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from Moscow this evening.

Viscountess Campden, Mr Patrick Jephson and Mr Geoffrey Crawford were in attendance.

June 16: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, was present at a Race Evening held in aid of the Society, at Goodwood Racecourse.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex (Major General Sir Philip Ward).

The Countess Alexander of Tunis was in attendance.

June 16: The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon visited Somerset and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset (Sir John Wills Bt).

Her Royal Highness, President, the Royal School of Needlework, visited "The Garden in Embroidery", West of England Festival of Textiles 1995 at Yarlington House, Wincanton, and afterwards opened the Second Phase of Taunton and Somerset Hospital, Musgrove Park, Taunton.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
June 16: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, today received Lieutenant General Sir Jeremy Reilly, Colonel of the Regiment.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon attended an exhibition to mark the 180th Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, the Wellington Museum, Waterloo, Brussels, Belgium.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended The Duchess of Richmond's Ball, the Cinquantenaire, Brussels, Belgium.

Mrs Richard Beckett was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
June 16: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended a Concert and Banquet, to celebrate the announcement of the 1995 Praemium Imperiale Award Recipients, at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester has become Patron of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies for five years from this month.

Royal engagements

Today: The Queen will take the salute at the Queen's Birthday Parade at 11.00; and will take the salute at a fly past of RAF aircraft from the Balcony of Buckingham Palace at 1.00. The Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and the Duchess of Gloucester will also attend the birthday parade.

Princess Alexandra will visit the RNLI at Arbroath, Angus, at 2.00; and, as patron, will open the new veterinary centre of the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals at 211 Hawkhill, Dundee, at 3.30.

Tomorrow: The Duke of York will visit The Duke of York's headquarters, Chelsea, at 10.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Vice-Patron of the Queen's Club, will present the prizes at the men's finals of the Stella Artois grass court championships at the club at 2.25.

Service dinners

HMS Collingwood
Vice-Admiral R. Walmsley, Controller of the Navy, was the guest of honour last night at the annual Collingwood dinner for the Weapon Engineering specialisation held in the Wardroom of *HMS Collingwood* in Fareham. Captain C.M.C. Crawford presided.

Durham Light Infantry
Colonel L.L. Fleming presided at the annual dinner of the Durham Light Infantry held last night at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall.

Kelly College Combined Cadet Force
Rear-Admiral J.P.B. O'Riordan and Major-General Judge David Selwood were the principal guests at the centenary guest night dinner of the Kelly College Combined Cadet Force held last night at the college. Commander C.J. Kirwin presided. The Headmaster and Mr D.W. Ball were also present.

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: King Edward I, reigned 1272-1307, London, 1239; John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, Epworth, Lincolnshire, 1703; Charles François Gounod, composer, Paris, 1818; Sir William Crookes, physicist, discoverer of thallium, London, 1832; Igor Stravinsky, composer, Oramenbaum, Russia, 1882; James Cameron, journalist, Battersea, 1911.

DEATHS: John III Sobieski, King of Poland 1674-96, Wilanow, 1696; Joseph Addison, essayist, London, 1719; Sir Edward Burne-Jones, painter, London, 1898; John Cowper Powys, novelist, Blaenau, 1963.

The first kidney transplant operation took place in Chicago, 1950.

Edwin Land patented the Polaroid camera, 1970.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: Robert Stewart, Viscount Castlereagh, statesman, Dublin, 1769; Edouard Daladier, Premier of France 1933-34 and 1938-40, Carpentras, 1884.

DEATHS: William Cobbett, politician and writer, Guildford, 1835; Samuel Butler, author of *The Way of All Flesh*, London, 1902; Roald Amundsen, polar explorer, lost in flight over the Arctic, 1928; Douglas Jardine, Surrey and England cricket captain, Switzerland, 1958.

The English were defeated by Joan of Arc at Patay, 1429.

The Battle of Waterloo, 1815.

Weekend birthdays



Barry Manilow, singer and composer, is 49 today; Delia Smith, cookery writer and broadcaster, is 54 tomorrow

Today is the Queen's official birthday

Today
Mr Donald Anderson, MP, 56; Lord Barber of Tewkesbury, 77; Mr S.A. Bowes Lyon, Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, 63; Sir Michael Caine, former chairman, Booker, 68; Mr R.D.P. Charkin, chief executive, Reed International Books, 46; Viscount Cowdray, 51; Dr Andrew Coyle, Governor, Brixton prison, 51; Sir *William Dale, legal consultant*, 89; Sir Edward Downes, conductor, 71; Sir Patrick Duffy, former MP, 75; Mrs Laura Duncan, Sheriff of Glasgow and Strathkelvin, 48; Sir Patrick Fairweather, diplomat, 59; Sir Stanley Grinstead, former chairman, Reed International, 71; Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Le Cheminant, 75; Mr Ken Livingstone, MP, 50; Mr Kenneth Loach, television and film director, 59; Mr Hugh MacMahon, MEP, 57; Mr Tony Marlow, MP, 55; Sir Peter Michael, chairman, Classic FM, 57; Miss Estelle Morris, MP, 43; Miss Beryl Reid, actress, 75; Professor Karol Sikora, oncologist, 47; Lieutenant-Colonel A.M. Sprot, former Lord Lieutenant of Tweeddale, 76; Mr Brian Statham, cricketer, 65; Captain R.W.K. Stirling of Fairburn, Lord Lieutenant of Ross and Cromarty and Skye and Lochalsh, 63; Lord Sudeley, 56; Sir Maldwyn Thomas, former president, Welsh Liberal Party, 77; Professor Sir Alan Walters, economist, 69.

Tomorrow
Mr Michael Blakemore, freelance director, 67; Lord Broughshane, 92; Mr Ian Carmichael, actor, 75; Professor J.M. Connor, geneticist, 44; Mr Carl de Winter, former secretary-general, Federation of British Artists, 61; Mr Peter Donohoe, pianist, 42; Mr Bob Duncan, Governor, Wakefield prison, 55; Mr Paul Eddington, actor, 68; the Very Rev P.B. Francis, provost, St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, 42; Mr Ian Hargreaves, Editor, *Independent*, 44; Miss Patricia Hutchinson, diplomat, 69; Mr Roy Jackson, former assistant general secretary, TUC, 67; Mr J. Kelsall, Headmaster, Brentwood School, 52; General Sir Brian Kenny, 61; Sir Dennis Landau, former chief executive, Co-operative Wholesale Society, 68; Mr Paul McCartney, musician, 53; Miss Isabella Rossellini, actress, 43.

Royal College of Art

The Earl of Gowrie, Provost of the Royal College of Art, presided over Convocation on Friday, June 16, 1995, at the Royal Albert Hall, London, SW7.

Honorary Doctorates of the College were conferred upon:
Mr Ken Adam, Mr Milton Glaser.

Senior Fellowships of the College were conferred upon:
Professor David Carter, Mrs Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, Ms Elizabeth Fritsch, Professor Bryan Kneale.

Honorary Fellowships of the College were conferred upon:
Ms Patricia Belford, Mr Wilfred Cass, Miss Mary Farmer, Mr Dennis Gatland, Dr Luigi Maramotti, Dr Donald Smith, Mr Harry Streets, Mr Alan Tilbury.

Fellowships of the College were conferred upon:
Mr Freddie Baier, Ms Teresa Gleadowe, Mr Andrzej Klimowski, Mr Steven Kyffin, Mr Jim Mooney, Ms Sarah Moyer, Ms Jan Murton, Mr Bob Tipper.

University news

Cranfield
Professor Ian Poll, Professor of Aeronautical Engineering and Director of the Goldstein Aeronautical Engineering Research Laboratory at Manchester University, is to be head of the College of Aeronautics at Cranfield University from October 1.

Election

Professor David Carpanini has been elected President of the Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers in succession to Mr Joseph Winkelman.

School news

Benenden School
Benenden School is writing a history of the School and would very much like to hear from Seniors, former staff and early Council members with documentary mementos from their time at Benenden, for example, clothing lists, school rules and regulations, school reports or even letters home. Material from the pre-Second World War years would be especially appreciated. Please send material to Mrs D. Price, Benenden School, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 4AA.

Eltham College
The Old Elthamians Summer Reunion is to be held on Saturday, July 1, 1995. There will be a Thanksgiving Service for Stuart Skinner, OE, at 11.30am in the College Chapel followed by a buffet reception. All enquiries should be directed to the College Office (0181 857 1455).

King's College School
Commemoration Day will take place on Saturday, June 24, beginning at 2.15pm when the new tennis and squash courts will be opened by John Curry, OK, Chairman of the All England Club. During Choral Evensong at 5.15pm those who died in the Second World War will be remembered. Mr E.A.V. Casale, formerly Head of Mathematics and President of Common Room, and Mr D.G. Pembery, formerly Housemaster of Kingsley and Head of English, both retire from the Senior School this term. The Junior School prize giving will be on Wednesday, July 5, when the guest of honour will be Dr Arthur Hearnden, OBE. Mr D.S.H. Jones retires this term as Second Master of the Junior School. Thomas Hinde's new history of KCS *A Great Day School in London* is now published and available from the Bursar at the School.

KCS is a charity which exists to provide education for children.

Surbiton High School
The summer reunion for Old Girls' will be held on July 8, between 3.30pm and 6pm in the new Junior Girls' School. Pupils who were at school between 1939 and 1945 are especially welcome. Please phone the school office on 0181 546 5245 for details.

Luncheon

Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce
Mr Ralph Klein, Premier of Alberta, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce held yesterday at Stationers' Hall. Mr Denis Keast, president of the chamber, presided.

Church in Wales

Diocese of Bangor
Ordinations at Bangor Cathedral on June 24:
To the priesthood:
The Rev Robert William Townsend, who serves as Minor Canon at Bangor Cathedral
To the diaconate:
Emyr Owen, of Westcott House, Cambridge, to serve as Assistant Curate in the Rectorial Benefice of Caernarfon.

Museum gets war poems

THE final batch of some 17,000 collected poems written by British, Irish and Commonwealth serving men and women during the Second World War was formally handed over to the Imperial War Museum yesterday by General Sir John Hackett, former Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (John Young writes).

The collection has been amassed over some 20 years by the Salamander Oasis Trust which received several offers from institutions in the United States to purchase them. But Sir John said yesterday that the trust had turned down all offers, believing that such an important collection should not be allowed to leave the country.

Addressing yesterday's gathering, Lord Healey, former Defence Secretary and Chancellor of the Exchequer, said the First World War poets were, with one or two exceptions, officers and public schoolboys. After the war some of the survivors pursued literary careers.

In contrast the Second World War poets were drawn from all ranks of people all over the world who were moved to write by the intensity of their own experiences. Most wrote only during the war because they were bearing witness to an experience that was absolutely unique in their lives.

Sir John recalled that 15 years ago *The Times* had described the handing over of the first collection of manuscripts as a "literary windfall". It had since become more than that, a hurricane which had shaken down the tree.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.L. Berger and Miss J.I. Fisher
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mrs Adele Berger and the late Mr Samuel Berger, of London, and Jennifer, daughter of Dr Gordon Fisher and Dr Dawn Fisher, of Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Mr M.J. Collier and Miss K.T. McAloon
The engagement is announced between Mark John, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Collier, of Ketton, Lincolnshire, and Kathleen Thérèse, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G. McAloon, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Captain J.R. Dunford and Miss E.L. Miners
The engagement is announced between Captain John Richard Dunford, The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot), eldest son of Mr and Mrs B.J. Dunford, of Upham, Hampshire, and Emma Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.L. Miners, of Balcombe, West Sussex.

Mr C.S.M. Jones and Miss V.L.D. Mann
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Jones, of Blackburn, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Mann, of Horsham, West Sussex.

Mr P. Mouzntzis and Miss S.M. Wilkes
The engagement is announced between Panos, son of Mr and Mrs George Mountzis, of Athens, Greece, and Sybella, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Wilkes, of Cheltenham.

Mr J.A. Seddon and Dr S.E. Kinsey
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs W.R. Seddon, of Ilkley, Yorkshire, and Sally, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs R.M. Kinsey, of Dore, Sheffield.

Mr A.P. Quayle and Miss T.L. Winsor
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place on September 9, in Chiswick, between Andrew Quayle and Tanya Winsor.

Mr D.S.B. Seymour and Miss M.F. Pound
The engagement is announced between Dominic, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.B. Seymour, of Woodstock, Oxon, and Miranda, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Pound, of Radley College, Oxon.

Mr R.M.B. Stallard and Mrs P.R. Bryan
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Sir Peter and Lady Stallard, of Taunton, Somerset, and Pamela, née Vincent, widow of Peter Stuart Bruce Bryan, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr J.G. Walker and Miss R.A. Wolf
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs V. Gordon Walker, of Binstead, Isle of Wight, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hans Wolf, of Palo Alto, California.

Marriage

Mr D.C. Wicks and Miss D. Bretherick
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 20, at the Temple Church, London, EC4, of Mr David Wicks, son of Mr Michael Wicks and the late Mrs Yvonne Wicks, to Miss Diana Bretherick, daughter of Mrs Patricia Bretherick and the late Mr Philip Bretherick. The Reverend Canon Joseph Robinson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr John Bretherick, was attended by Mrs Karen Field and Miss Isabelle Field. Mr Anthony Jerman was man.

Latest wills

Sheila Elizabeth Innes Magson, of Bournemouth, Dorset, left estate valued at £1,263,412 net.
She left effect and 5/6ths of the residue to personal legatees, and 1/6th of the residue for such charitable institutions or other charitable objects and in such proportions as her executors select.

Lady Masha Williams, of London NW11, the Russian-born author, and widow of Sir Alan M. Williams, left estate valued at £400,818.

Mr Louis Philip Heren, of Hampstead, London NW3, a former deputy editor of *The Times*, left estate valued at £538,516 net.
He left £500 to Dr Barnardo's.

Florence Evelyn May Masters, of Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, left estate valued at £224,986 net.
She left all of her estate to the National Trust.

Sir Francis John Watkin Williams, 8th Bt, QC, of Denbigh, Clwyd, a former Recorder of Birkenhead, Chester and the Crown Court, chairman of Anglesey and Flintshire Quarter Sessions, High Sheriff of Anglesey and Denbighshire, and a Freeman of Chester, left estate valued at £274,488 net.

Sir John Stanier Waller, 7th and last Bt, of Ventnor, Isle of Wight, the author, poet and journalist, left estate valued at £71,831 net.

Lady Alethea Frances Clare Savile, of London SW3, left estate valued at £63,556 net.

Church services tomorrow

First Sunday after Trinity

ABERDEEN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15 S Euch, Jackson in G, Remember not Lord our offences (Purcell), Rev D Calvin-Thomas; 6.30 Choral E, Short Service (Weelkes), Hear my words (Parry), The Provost.

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 11 Choral Euch; 4 Choral E.

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.15 Choral M; 10.30 Euch; 4 Choral E.

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL: College Green 7.40 M; 8 HC; 10 Choral Euch; 3.30 Choral E.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 S Euch; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Martin), Veni sancte spiritus (Fenton), The Dean; 3.15 E, Responses (Reading), Purcell in G minor, I will sing unto the Lord (Purcell); 6.30 ES, Rev Dr M Hinton.

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch, Capriccio on the notes of the Cuckoo (Frescobaldi), Darke in E, Oxull omnium (Wood), Sketch in F minor (Schumann), Professor A Dyson; 3 E, Responses (Smith), Watson in E, I was glad (Parry).

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Euch; *11.15 S Euch*; 6 Choral E.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 10 Euch; 11.30 Choral M; 3.30 Choral E; 6.30 ES.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Stanford in A, Responses (Leighton), Listen sweet dove (Ives), The Chancellor; 11 S Euch, Mass for four voices (Byrd), O taste and see (Vaughan Williams), Rt Rev R George; 3.30 E, The Chichester Service (Vann), Responses (Leighton), The Alldemess (SS Wesley).

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP; 8 C; 10.30 Euch, Jackson in G, Rev S Hardwick; 3 Mothers Union Festival; 5.30 E, Cantate Domino (Pitoni), Responses (Little), St Mark's Service (Near), The Builders (Shephard).

DERBY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.45 S Euch, Little Organ Mass (Haydn), Gloria in excelsis deo (Weelkes), Fantasia in F minor and major (Mozart), Rev S Barby; 4, 6 E, Harris in A, Come Holy Ghost (Attwood), Mr A Flintham.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M; 11.15 HC; 3.30 E.

ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Preston), Jubilate (Mathias), O taste and see (Vaughan Williams), Ave verum (Elgar), The Dean; 3.45 E, Preces (Trepte), Dyson in D, Great is the Lord (Elgar).

EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Ireland in C, Listen sweet dove (Grayston Ives), The Dean; 11.15 M, Responses (Leighton), Short Service (Gibbons), The Treasurer; 3 E, Responses (Leighton), Harwood in A flat, Insanae et vanae curae (Haydn); 6.30 Area Festival Service, The Bishop.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 S Euch, Haydn in G (Sancti Nicolai), Praise to God in the highest (Campbell), Canon Chancellor; 4 Choral E, First Service (Gibbons), Responses (Smith), Canon Precentor.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Darke in F, Te Deum in G (Vaughan Williams), Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), The Dean; 3.30 E, Responses (Clucas), Coll Reg (Wood), Expectans expectavi (Wood).

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Civic Service, Te Deum in G (R V Williams), The Dean of Liverpool; 3 British Legion Service, Kelly in C, Rev A Litton; 4 HC.

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8, 12.15 H Euch, Rev J Redvers Harris; 9 Euch, Mr K Hall; 11 S Euch, Darke in E, View me Lord (Lloyd), Rev J Redvers Harris; 3.30 Choral E, Give unto the Lord all ye mighty (Elgar); 6.30 E, Mr V Steele.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 HC, Canon P Strange; 9.30 S Euch, Canon I Bennett, Coronation Mass (Mozart), Benedictus (Mozart), Canon P Strange; 6 Choral E, Kelly in C, Responses (Turnell), Coll Reg (Howells).

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Bairstow), The Golden Sequence (Plainsong), The Provost; 3 Choral E, Stanford in A, Let the bright seraphim (Handel).

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M, The Treasurer; 10 S Euch, Locus Iste (Bruckner), Coll Reg (Howells), O Hearken Thou (Elgar), Canon M Fisher; 6 E, Responses (Radcliffe), Purcell in G minor, The Heavens are telling (Haydn), The Curate.

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Mass (Gordon Lawson), The Precentor; 11.30 M, Stanford in A, O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit (Tallis); 3 E, Sumsion in A, The Dean.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 10 M, Stanford in B flat, Conforare (Dyson), Rev Dr R Burridge; 11 S Euch, Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky), Rev R Holloway; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Coronation Mass (Mozart), Prevent us, O Lord (Byrd), Sr H Markey; 3 E, Short Service (Orr), Rev Dr A Harvey; 6.30 ES, Rev Dr D Gray.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 M; 10.30 SM, Coronation Mass (Mozart), Faire is the heaven (Harris); 10 MP; 3.30 V&B, Magnificat primi toni (Victoria), Simile est regnum caelorum (Morales).

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 10.30 M, Te Deum in C (Stanford), The Dean; 11.30 Euch, Messe solennelle/Te Deum (Langlais); 3.30 E, Stanford in A, Totus tuus (Gorecki), Rev C Stewart.

YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Coll Reg (Howells), Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Bairstow), V Rev R Furnell; 11.30 M, Responses (Leighton), Noble in B minor; 4 E, Dyson in D, Faire is the heaven (Harris), Rev C L Stanbridge.

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 8 HC, 11 Ch Euch, Darke in F, Locus iste (Bruckner), The Canon in residence; 3.30 Ch Euch, Responses (Rose), My soul, there is a country (Parry).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8 LM; 10 Family M; 11.30 M, Mass for four voices (Byrd), Ubi caritas (Duruflé), Canon John Hine.

ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 HC, Rev Judith Cuthbertson; 10 Gloria in excelsis (Stanford), Rev Dr Bruce Rigdon; 11.30 MS, Coelos ascendit (Stanford), Rev Dr Bruce Rigdon; 6 St Giles at Six, Collegium Musicum (Harvard University; 8 ES, Rev Dr J Philip Newell.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC; 8.45 M; 11 S Euch, The Rochester Mass (Ferguson), Great Lord of lords (Wood), Ven G Cassidy; 3.15 E, Magnificat octavi toni (Morales), Responses (Lloyd), Rev T Thornton.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Sing praises to the Lord (Croft), Rev P Johnstone; 6 E&B, Bairstow in G, Turn thee unto me (Boyce), Rev P McGeary.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9 C, 11, Thanksgiving Service, Rev R Tice; 6.30 Rev S Wookey.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa O regem coeli (Palestrina), sacerdotes Domini (Byrd), Ego sum panis vivus (Palestrina).

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10 Children; 11 M, Jubilate (Moeran in E flat), Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks (Howells), Rev P Elvy; 12.15 HC; 6 Choral Service.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH, 7 Curzon Street, W1Y: 11 Service; 11 School.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30, Rev S Hood.

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Jubilate Deo (Bouzignac), Mass of St Clare (Refice), Civabit eos (Byrd).

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Rev S Downham; 11 Informal, Rev S Millar.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Theresienmesse (Haydn), Lauda Sion salvatorem (Victoria), 12.30, 4.30, 7; 3.30 V & B, Procession.

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH: Iverna Gdns, W8: 11 MP, Archbishop Y Gizirian.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R John Tudor.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC; 7 Bach Vespers.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M & HC, Weelkes (Short Service), Exsultate Deo (Palestrina), Rev A Winter; 6.30 Choral Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), O bone Jesu (Ingegneri), Rev A Winter.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Jubilate (Walton), Purcell in C, Where thou reignest (Schubert), Canon J Oates; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Sanders), Wesley in E, Guild Chaplain W Boulton.

ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Choral Euch, Missa Brevis in C (Mozart), Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky), Chaplain Rev G McAvoy.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Confirmations, Rev J McIndoe; 6.30, Rev W Cairns.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Williams), the Lord hath been mindful of us (Wesley), The Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 S Euch, John Paul, Rector.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 Euch; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Sancti Wilhelm devoto (Taverner), Tantum Ergo (Duruflé); 6 Choral E, Short Service (Weelkes), O Sacrum Convivium (Messiaen).

ST JOHN'S, Stratford E15: 11 HC, War March of Priests (Mendelssohn), Rev F Farr; 6.30 EP, Rev M Holmden.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 MP; 6.30 E, Salvator mundi Domine (Sheppard), Rev G Beauchamp.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 9.45 Family C; 11 S Euch, Missa Simile est Regnum (Guerrero), Tantum Ergo (Duruflé), Rev T Devonshire Jones.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8, 12.30 HC, Rev W Ratchford; *9.45 Euch*, St Martin's Service (Stringer), Loquebantur variis Apostoli (Palestrina), Rev R Thompson; 11.30 Visitors, Responses (Rose), Caribbean Jubilate (Kelly), Rev W Ratchford; 2.45 Chinese, Rev J Bennett; 5 Choral E, Responses (Rose), Gloucester Service (Howells), And I saw a new heaven (Bainton); 6.30 ES, Rev J Pridmore.

ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, Kensington W8: 9.30 Euch, Rev F Gelli; 11.15 Choral M, Rev F Gelli; 6.30 E, Miss L Buxton.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 10, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis in F (Mozart), Fr S Young; 6 E & B, Procession, Fr D Smith.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Rev R McLaren, Messe Solonnelle St Cecilia, O give thanks to the Lord (Rawsthorne).

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Britten), Ave Maria (Holst), Tota pulchara es Maria (Duruflé), Rev N Dawson.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 11 S Euch, Missa De La Batalla Escoutez (Guerrero), O quam suavis est Domine (Lobo).

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9, LM; 11 SM, Mass in G (Schubert), Panis Angelicus (Franck), Fr Barrie Newton.

CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M, Responses (Byrd), Bring us O Lord God (Harris), Rev L E M Claxton.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, This is the record of John (Gibbons), Canon J Mansel; 3.30 SE, Hampton Court Palace Choir.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Stanford in C, Great Lord of Lord (Gibbons); 3.30 E, Choirs of HM Chapels Royal & Hampton Court Palace.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Anthony Caesar), O Sacrum Convivium (Messiaen), Panis Angelicus (Franck).

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 S Euch, Jackson in G, The Chaplain.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL, 8 South Sq, WC1R: MP, Ecce Sacerdos (Elgar), Rev Canon W Norman.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Responses (Shephard), A. the Wilderness (Wesley), The Master.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, Almighty and everlasting God (Gibbons), Salvator Mundi (Tallis), The Chaplain; 12 HC.

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CATLIFF - On June 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Anne (née Bowes) and Nick, a son, Louis, a brother for Ella.

GRAY - On June 1st, to Rosalinde (née Farr) and Paul, a son, Henry John Douglas (Jack), a brother for Willa.

HOBBY - On 13th June, to Lucinda (née Thomas) and Jonathan, a daughter, Charlotte Gabrielle.

JOHNSON - On 7th June 15.44 at The Portland Hospital, to Gillian and Matthew, another wonderful daughter, Rachael Louise, a sister for Hannah Maria.

JONES - On May 27th, to Judith (née Morgan) and Leon, a daughter, Sophie Caroline.

LESLAU - On June 14th, to Jennifer (née Joseph) and Andrew, a son, Phineas Tom, a brother for Charles.

LOVELAND - On 10th June 1995 at The Portland Hospital, to Ann Marie (Wicherek) and Mark, a son, Joseph Casimir Stephen.

MACPHERSON - On June 11th, to Christina (née Mellenfield) and Greig, a son, Matthew Alastair.

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WILLIAMS - Neil and Polly (née Adcock) proudly announce the birth of their son, Thomas George, on 12th June 1995.

DEATHS

BOGGIS - On June 15th at Beamsmoor, Sedbergh, Cumbria, The Reverend Canon Austin Boggis (ATIB) aged 86 years. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Sedbergh, on Tuesday June 20th 1995 at 2pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries J.J. Martin Funeral Directors, tel: (015396) 20334.

DINGWALL - On June 16th 1995, peacefully at home, Pat, beloved husband of Dora. Funeral at All Saints Church, Odiham, Friday 30th June at 2 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research c/o A & W Goddard Ltd., Kent Road, Fleet, Hampshire GU13 9AH.

FRANK - On June 16th, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Joyce (née Truesdale). Service at All Saints Church, Waltham St Lawrence, Berkshire, on Tuesday June 20th at 11 am. Ascot dress acceptable! Funeral Directors C.H. Lovegrove, 141 Oxford Road, Reading, Berks. Donations, if desired, to the Dialysis Unit, Royal Berkshire Hospital.

DEATHS

GOODRIDGE - On 14th June, peacefully in hospital, Harvey, beloved husband of Joan. Funeral at Ringwould Church 23rd June 3.30pm. No flowers. Donations if desired for Pilgrim's Hospice Canterbury or Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, send to E.B. Cavell Funeral Directors, Deal CT14 9RE.

MANN - On June 14th 1995 in hospital after 12 years of stroke problems suffered bravely, Lawrie William aged 78, beloved husband of Githa. The funeral service will be on June 23rd at Beckenham Crematorium, Kent at 12 noon. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to St Mary's Church, Shortlands. Enquiries (0181) 650-0504.

MOZLEY - On Thursday 15th June 1995 at Mount Edgcumbe Hospice, Richard Henry, M.B.E., aged 61 years, of Woodlane, Falmouth, Cornwall. Dear husband of Abigail and a loving father of Jemima, Magdalen, Jack and Charlie. Funeral Service at 3 pm on Monday 19th June at St Uny Church, Lelant, nr. St Ives, Cornwall, followed by interment. Flowers acceptable or donations if preferred to the National Cancer Alliance, 8 Woodlane, Falmouth, Cornwall.

REID - On June 15th, peacefully after a gallant fight at Shoreham Nursing Home, James Gibson of Farnham, Surrey. Beloved brother of Anne, Josephine and the late Jean, only son of the late Alvan and Gladys Reid of the Argentine. Funeral Service at Aldershot Park Crematorium (01252-21653) at 3.30 pm Thursday 22nd June.

DEATHS

SCHWARZ - On 15th June, peacefully in her armchair, in her 91st year, Lilly (née Fischbein) beloved mother of Victor, Walter and Marlene, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium at 3.15 pm Tuesday 27th June. Flowers to reach J.H. Kenyon, 9 Pond Street, NW3 by 1.30 pm.

SUMMERS - Barbara Marion, peacefully on 15th June at Yeovil Hospital, dear wife of Patrick and mother of Melanie and Nicholas, loving grandmother of Caroline, Christian, Alice and Jack. Funeral on Monday 26th June at 2 pm in Salway Ash Village Church, Bridport. Family flowers only but any donations to Childline c/o A.J. Wakely & Sons, 91 East Street, Bridport, Dorset.

TAYLOR - Alice Crombie, beloved mother of Rosemary, Harvey, Roderic and Graham, formerly of Belfast, died Basingstoke 14th June. Funeral Woking Crematorium, 2.30 pm 21st June, enquiries to Gurringe's (01483) 416403.

WILLIAMS - Edna (née Coulthard) on 28th March aged 70 and Roy Llewellyn on 31st May aged 66, devoted wife and husband who will both be deeply missed. Treasured parents of Cheryl and her husband Stephen. Funeral for Roy at North-East Surrey Crematorium, Tuesday 20th June at 10.30 am. Flowers to W.A. Truelove, Wallington, Surrey tel: (0181) 647-1032.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 3rd of May 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Capital from £9,247,770 to £1,250,000.98 and the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by £8,395,720.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard by Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on the 28th day of June 1995.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of Share Capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by the Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED the 16th day of June 1995
Mason Edge & Elliott
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148 Edmund Street
Birmingham
B3 2JR
Solicitors for the Company

No. 003468 of 1995
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CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF J. BIGGO AND COMPANY LIMITED
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 1st June 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the issued share capital of the above-named Company from £1,135,500 to £418,000.
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ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 17 day of June 1995
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Ref: Mr. Piper
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OBITUARIES

COUNTESS FITZWILLIAM

Countess Fitzwilliam, widow of the 10th Earl, died on June 7 aged 97. She was born at Houghton Hall, Sancton, Yorkshire, on April 25, 1898.



LADY FITZWILLIAM was a tall, erect, elegant woman of great presence. She entertained with flair and originality at two great houses, Milton in Cambridgeshire and Wentworth Woodhouse in Yorkshire.

She was born Joyce Elizabeth Mary Langdale at Houghton Hall in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Her father, Lieutenant-Colonel Philip Langdale, was part of the huge Stourton family, and a grandson of the 17th Lord Mowbray, Segrave and Stourton. Her mother, Gertrude, was the daughter of Admiral Derrimans, and his wife, Henrietta, who was a granddaughter of Henry Grattan, the Irish statesman.

Lady Fitzwilliam's family was one of immense ramifications. The Langdales were landed gentry, Roman Catholics — both before and after the Reformation — and they married into families similar to their own. It used be said in Yorkshire: "Careful what you say to the Langdales, the Fitzalan-Howards, the Stourtons and the Constable-Maxwells, they're all related to *everybody*." These were the people she grew up with at Houghton Hall, a fine old "small" country house with two wings, which featured in the architectural journals. It was, therefore, no surprise when Miss Langdale married Captain Howard Edward Fitzalan-Howard, later to succeed his father as the 2nd Viscount FitzAlan of Derwent.

The marriage was more often hard than it was happy. Captain Fitzalan-Howard had a foot blown off in the First World War when he was serving with the 11th Hussars and later he was taken prisoner. His injury meant pain and restriction in movement through life. Then there was the difference in age. When they married in 1922 he was 40, she 24. They made their home in London, living comfortably, but not able to afford the expensive lifestyles of many of their friends and contemporaries.

He succeeded to his father's viscountancy in 1947, and they divorced in 1955. The following year Lady FitzAlan of Derwent married the bachelor, the 10th Earl Fitzwilliam. They had first met in 1932 and kept in touch over the years. He was 48, she 54.

The 10th Earl inherited the great estate of Milton, near Peterborough, from his father. But his succeeding to the earldom in 1952 was something that nobody envisaged even five years earlier.

The 8th Earl was a handsome, dashing man of 38, when a private plane in which he was travelling crashed in a storm in the South of France. Travelling with him was Kathleen, Marchioness of Hartington, then a war widow, and the eldest sister of John Kennedy. As the 8th Earl had no son the title passed to a kinsman. The 9th Earl was a convivial sort who delighted in introducing himself to complete strangers by his nickname, "Bottle and Bottle Eric". By 1952 he was dead and then the fun really started — in the courts.

Ancestral experts believed that the 10th Earl would be William Thomas George Wentworth-Fitzwilliam, known as Tom. But he had a brother, Toby, 16 years older and born out of wedlock. For weeks the court and the public were regaled by the lifestyle of the Fitzwilliams.

A member of the family explained: "The parents had lived together all the time ... the two boys were great friends ... but the parents had just not bothered to get married till before Tom's birth." The court case caused much interest and apprehension within the family. Toby had a family and an heir; Tom was a bachelor. The court eventually decided for Tom.

Lady Fitzwilliam delighted in the great family home, Milton, which gave her great scope for entertaining. The high point of the social season there was always the house party of 18, sometimes more, for the celebrated Peterborough Foxhound Show in July which attracted people from all over the world. When guests came to Sunday lunch and as coffee was served, the Fitzwilliam Hounds, bright-eyed, sterns up, and about 18 couples strong, would come across the park to within sight of the dining room windows. They would be escorted by the hunt staff in kennel uniform, long white coats and grey bowler hats. Guests would be invited to inspect them and discuss the current sport with the huntsman.

Wentworth Woodhouse, the other great seat of the Fitzwilliams, also gave Lady Fitzwilliam scope for entertaining. It too had only just had the lawns levelled after opencast coalmining when she married the 10th Earl. This enormous house of 365 rooms had also been requisitioned during the war. Afterwards when coal was much more valued that it is today, the Attlee Government — in the person of Emanuel Shinwell — had the lawns stripped, virtually to the front door for opencast coalmining.

It was far too vast a house for family occupation after the Second World War and instead it was leased for educational purposes to the county council and later Rotherham council. Lady Fitzwilliam restored a suite of rooms for family and friends in the west wing and these came alive with party music and chatter, especially for the St Leger week, and other race weeks at Doncaster, and in the shooting season.

Lord and Lady Fitzwilliam's marriage was blissfully happy and lasted 23 years until his sudden death, due to a stroke, in 1979. Their great enjoyments were simple pleasures like walking on their estate, studying wildlife. In London they liked nothing better after dinner than window shopping along Bond Street or looking at new plantings in Hyde Park.

The normal summer family holidays were avoided, up to a point — "We never go on holiday," Lady Fitzwilliam would say in a tone that put off any further inquiry. However, when their secretary, Barbara, decided to go to Australia on holiday there was much family amusement when her employers decided to accompany her. This pattern of going to Australia was repeated in subsequent years. Any suggestion that it was the Fitzwilliams' holiday was firmly put down by Lady Fitzwilliam who always referred to these excursions as "Barbara's holidays".

Lady Fitzwilliam never rode to hounds, but she and her husband took a special interest in the Fitzwilliam Hunt and the breeding of hounds. An injury to his back because of a fall from his horse prevented him hunting for the last 20 years of his life. After her husband's death Lady Fitzwilliam kept up many of her husband's interests, becoming president of the East of England Agricultural Society, and also president of the Peterborough Foxhound Show. Her husband was patron of 32 livings but, as a Roman Catholic, she thought it inappropriate to take these over. Her son-in-law, Sir Stephen Hastings, became patron.

Lady Fitzwilliam greatly valued her independence in old age. She went on using her flat in Belgrave Square long after other residents of the square had moved out except for embassy caretakers. In her late eighties she even set off by air, alone, to the other side of the world, a round trip of 16,000 miles. She walked up to five miles a day at Milton.

At 89 she was mugged in Kensington. Next morning she regaled the clients in the Harrods hairdressing salon with her version of the incident. There was the police statement: "They asked: 'Miss or Mrs?' I said neither, just Joyce Fitzwilliam ... I always find it hopeless unless I am in a place where I'm known to the police, to say, Lady Fitzwilliam or Countess Fitzwilliam, they just don't believe me.'" Then there was the "nice" taxi driver who drove her back to her flat after the incident and cheered her up, saying: "Ma'am you're lucky you are not a real old lady because they could have killed you."

She had a fund of stories about friends who were loath to shed their prewar ways when visiting country houses. There was the late Margaret Duchess of Argyll, staying at Milton, who announced at breakfast that she had put her shoes outside her door overnight but the footman had not taken them for cleaning. "But I don't have a footman," said Lady Fitzwilliam. "Besides, putting shoes out at night is not a good idea — you could have had them nicked."

Lady Fitzwilliam is survived by her two daughters by Viscount FitzAlan of Derwent. There were no male heirs to the titles of either of her husbands, and both became extinct on their deaths.

JERRY ZIPKIN

Jerry Zipkin, international socialite, died of lung cancer in New York, on June 8 aged 80. He was born there on December 18, 1914.



WHEN the husbands of fashionable American women became too busy, or too bored, to accompany them to social events, the wives knew just whom to call. Jerry Zipkin was an escort — or "walker" — who could always be relied upon to provide colourful conversation and a sympathetic ear. He also had an enviable reputation for respecting confidences: a fact which may have accounted for his remarkable popularity among women. "A woman cannot have a best woman friend," he once said. "A best woman friend will do her in."

Among those who could be seen on his arm at a galaxy of balls, parties and private dinners in the United States and Europe was Nancy Reagan, wife of the former President. "He was the best friend you could ever have," Mrs Reagan said on learning of his death. "I can't remember when and how I met him, but it must have been about 45 years ago. It seems that Jerry has always been part of my life."

Their friendship extended to the White House, where Zipkin became a member of the inner circle during Ronald Reagan's years in office and commuted from New York to Washington on a weekly basis. Between visits he was on the telephone to Nancy Reagan almost every day, exchanging news and gossip.

Born heir to a Manhattan real estate fortune, Jerome Robert Zipkin had no need to work for his living. After leaving Princeton University, where he studied art and archaeology for only two years, he seemed perfectly content with his role as a social butterfly.

For the rest of his life he could be seen almost every day in one of New York's fashionable restaurants, lunching with one or more female companions.

Zipkin's talent for making and retaining the friendship of women endured for almost half a century, in spite of the fact that he was known for his barbed criticism of their clothes and hairdos. His style was an odd mixture of the courteous and the obnoxious — the latter trait being mostly reserved for waiters, clerks and taxi drivers, some of whom failed to appreciate his caustic humour. On one occasion an infuriated taxi driver knocked him to the ground and broke his ribs after an argument, and one woman always took a stack of $10 and $20 bills with her when accompanying Zipkin to a restaurant — in order to placate the staff.

Somehow, Zipkin's frequent rudeness was always dismissed as mere eccentricity, as when, at one luncheon, a waiter asked if he could do anything for him. "You can remove the lady on my right," Zipkin replied.

He would extract flowers from centrepieces at restaurants for his button-hole, and was known for taking an extra gift when party favours were given at public relations functions. Yet he frequently gave lavish presents to his friends, and in the weeks before his death had many of his personal possessions gift-wrapped and addressed to them with individual messages.

"Nobody ever gave him credit for being as bright as he was," Nancy Reagan said. "His friendship wasn't just on the frivolous side. He had much more to him than that."

Jerry Zipkin never married and leaves no survivors.

SHEIKH IMAM

Sheikh Imam, Egyptian singer, died on June 8 aged 76. He was born on July 2, 1918.



SHEIKH IMAM was a blind singer of satirical songs, often described as the people's singer of Egypt. He preferred to remain outside the extensive system of official patronage and on several occasions was jailed and had his songs banned by the authorities. Despite such impediments, the duo which he formed with the left-wing poet Ahmed Fouad Negm became one of the most influential artistic partnerships in the Arab world. One of their songs became the unofficial national anthem of Egypt.

Imam Issa was born in the village of Abu al-Nimris in the province of Giza, some 40 miles south of Cairo. His family were landless tenant farmers who adhered to a strand of Sufism, the diverse, mystic variety of Islam that does not take a literal view of Koranic teaching. At the age of three he went blind and was later sent for his education to an Islamic charity, the Sharia Association.

There he learnt passages of the Koran by heart, which provided him with his future clerical title of "sheikh", and the traditional craft of the blind, reciting Koranic verses at funerals and other religious ceremonies.

When he was 15 the association expelled him. He said it was because he had been caught listening to the radio which, as an intrusion of the modern world, was regarded with great suspicion.

Imam began singing at weddings and other private functions, during a time of political and social upheaval in Egypt. The monarchy was seen as intensely corrupt and in 1952 King Farouk was overthrown by the Free Officers conspiracy which eventually placed Colonel Gamal Abdel-Nasser in charge. It also brought in its wake the disastrous defeat at the hands of Israel in the Six Day War of June 1967.

The mauling of several Arab armies and the loss of the Sinai peninsula put an end to Nasser's moral authority over Egypt, and critical voices outside the censored press found eager listeners. By then Sheikh Imam had matured into an accomplished ballad singer with a gravelly voice, accompanying himself on the oud, a short-necked Middle Eastern lute. He had also severed all links with Islam and gravitated towards the Communist Party.

At this time he struck up a partnership with the vernacular "beat" singer Ahmed Fouad Negm, and for many years Imam and Negm appeared inseparable. They toured the provinces to give instant, live concerts, often without charging a fee, and quickly became the voice of youthful opposition to Nasser's rule. One of their first songs mocked the performance of the army in the war against Israel — and that landed them in prison.

Under President Sadat, too, they were jailed, this time for satirising the rise of the new rich and the President's promises of liberating the lost Arab lands.

Under President Mubarak, the singer and the poet parted company, but not before winning their passports back and giving many concerts abroad.

Sheikh Imam lived in the poor Gouriah district of Cairo all his adult life, and did not accumulate any wealth.

SIDNEY GOLT

Sidney Golt, CB, civil servant and international trade specialist, died on June 4 aged 85. He was born in West Hartlepool on March 31, 1910.



THE trawl of young talent that had previously peopled the higher Civil Service was greatly enriched by the recruitment during the Second World War of men and women who would not normally have come to Whitehall. One such "outsider" was Sidney Golt. In his 30-year career, mainly in the Board of Trade where he eventually became deputy secretary, he was particularly remembered for helping to gain for the developing countries some of the fruits of the progressive liberalisation of world trade upon which postwar prosperity was built.

Making his way by scholarships, he attended a rabbinical college associated with Portsmouth Grammar School and then went up to Christ Church, Oxford, where he read PPE, followed by a period at Jews' College. It was in his student days that he made lifelong friendships with such figures as Chaim Raphael, Ian Mikardo, Schlomo Adler and Nachdaimon Doniach. In 1936 he became statistician to the Tin Producers Association, which was trying to stabilise an international commodity market. This gave him an insight into international economics.

He joined the Central Price Regulation Committee in 1941 before moving to the Board of Trade, where he dealt with such diverse matters as postwar production of utility furniture, protection of the British film industry and the setting up of the British Tourist Board.

In 1953 he moved to the overseas side of the Board of Trade. He assisted Brazil with its financial problems, worked on Britain's response to the formation of the European Economic Community and played a major role in the formation of the ill-fated European Free Trade Area.

Probably his most satisfying spell at the Board of Trade was during the mid-1960s when he was adviser on commercial policy, dealing with relations with the Commonwealth and with multinational trade organisations. This coincided with an upsurge in demand from developing countries for a fairer trade deal. He was deputy leader of the British delegation at the first United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad) in Geneva in 1964, and leader of the delegation at the second Unctad in Delhi in 1968.

Between these two meetings he was the chairman of the Group of Four (the US, Britain, Germany and France), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development working party which drew up the response of the industrial countries to the demands from the developing world for preferential tariff treatment. This working party's report formed the basis for the response of the industrial world to these demands at the second Unctad and paved the way for the introduction of preferential tariff arrangements.

Golt devoted much of his later life to writing a series of studies for the British North American Committee explaining the complexities of the various Gatt rounds and suggesting ways of overcoming the seemingly intractable problems. These became required reading for negotiators and students of economic relations throughout the world.

Golt was a keen bridge player, gardener and lover of the arts.

He is survived by his wife Jean, who herself had been a Whitehall colleague, and by two daughters.

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PRESIDENT'S FREE HAND

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT
WASHINGTON, JUNE 16

The long-drawn-out struggle between President Roosevelt and the Senate over the question of Veterans' compensation came to a sudden end early today when the senate decided to abandon its intransigent attitude and accept a compromise on the lines of the agreement worked out between the President and the House of Representatives last week. Immediately afterwards both Houses of Congress passed a joint resolution to adjourn *sine die* ...

Although this compromise involves some further concessions by the Administration, and will reduce the projected economies more likely by $100,000,000 than by the $65,000,000 originally conceded, it was accepted by the Senate only after a fierce debate and by the somewhat narrow majority of nine. In deciding to retreat from the uncompromising attitude it had previously maintained, the Senate was principally influenced by the impossibility of overriding the Presidential veto without the cooperation of the House of Representatives.

While the Administration will doubtless hail the outcome as a victory for the President — and, from a tactical point of view, it is — the fact remains that the Senate insurgents have succeeded in rearing a serious hole in the President's economy programme. Moreover, in spite of

ON THIS DAY

June 17, 1933

Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945), 32nd President of the United States, came into office when the country was in deep depression. In the 100 days from his inauguration he was responsible for a wealth of new legislation. His "New Deal" included unemployment relief, a conservation corps, the Tennessee Valley Authority and a farmers' price subsidy.

President Roosevelt's repeated assertions that a balanced Budget is essential for the successful prosecution of his internal policy, no attempt has been made to fill the gap by further taxation or further economies in other directions. Thus the victory is not without pyrrhic qualities.

Nevertheless, the close of the Special Session of the 73rd Congress, which the President summoned immediately after his inauguration at the beginning of March, leaves Mr. Roosevelt clothed with extraordinary and dictatorial powers undreamed of by any of his predecessors in office. By reason of them the President is now in a position to launch the United States upon a social and economic revolution which will be no less a revolution merely because it has constitutional sanction. How far the President will in fact use the extraordinary powers conferred upon him by the score of Bills dealing with practically every phase of American life which Congress has passed during the past three months, time alone can tell.

It may, however, be worth while to catalogue some of the principal powers of which President Roosevelt now stands possessed.

He can:

(1) Levy a tax on the processors of agricultural products or their substitutes and distribute the sums so received as a bounty to farmers.

(2) Provide for drastic reductions in farm acreage.

(3) Approve and, if necessary, enforce codes of fair competition among industrial units.

(4) Fix maximum hours and minimum wages for industrial employees.

(5) Compel all business enterprises to secure Federal licences, without which they would be forbidden to operate.

(6) Impose a general embargo, institute restrictive import quotas, license importers, or raise tariffs to any height in order to protect American industry from foreign competition arising out of the application of the Industrial Recovery Act.

(7) Close all banks in the country and dictate the terms on which they may reopen ...

NEWS

'Granny flats' to pay council tax

■ Families caring for elderly relatives will be forced to pay separate and additional council tax bills on their granny flats after a devastating High Court ruling.

The judgment was attacked by Age Concern as a slap in the face for thousands of carers who save the Government huge sums in health and housing costs for the elderly..... Page 1

No policy change, Major tells rebels

■ John Major warned rebellious Conservative MPs that they could not save the Government by driving him out of office. In an attempt to quell speculation about a leadership challenge he declared that there was no "magic ingredient" for a Tory recovery..... Page 1

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The enduring appeal of Cliff Richard is rewarded with a knighthood in the Queen's Birthday Honours List..... Pages 1, 9-11

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Helmut Kohl was rebuffed by John Major when he protested at Shell's action in dumping the Brent Spar oil rig..... Pages 1, 2

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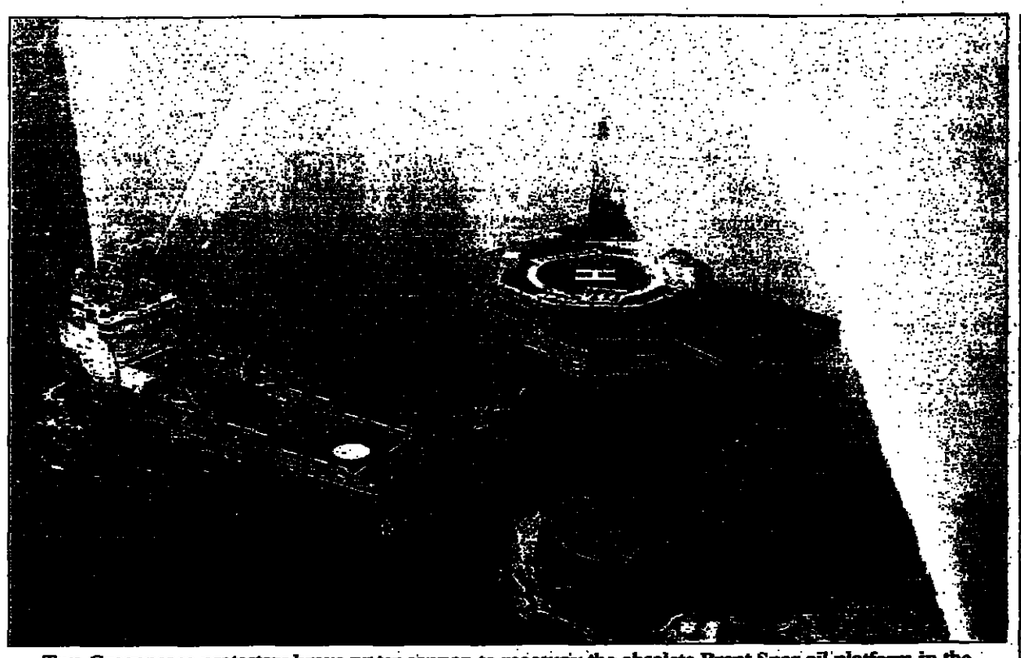
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President Yeltsin arrived in Halifax to be told his summit partners did not consider Russia ready to join the G7..... Page 16

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■ Parents have inundated Rugby School with inquiries after protests by pupils against the appointment of the first head girl. The school was flooded with requests for information from parents impressed by Louise Woolcock in interviews.... Page 12



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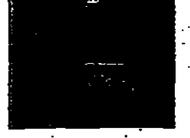
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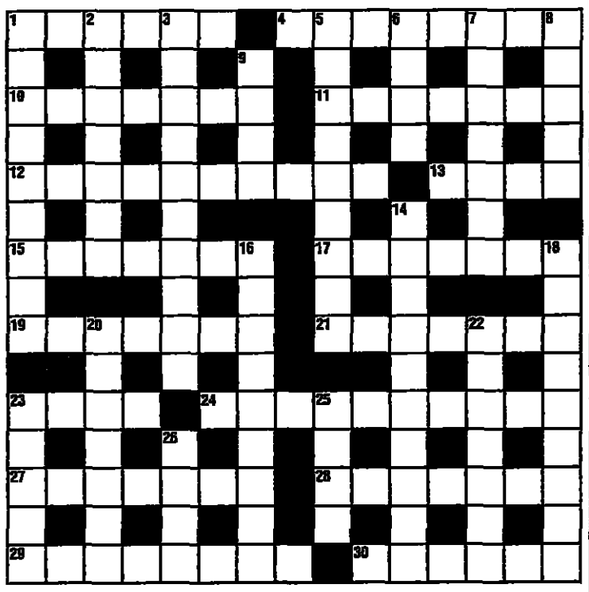
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4 Container for basic soups (recipe taken from town in Greater Manchester) (8)
10 Animal with the most superior brain (7)
11 Endlessly striving for a pain-reliever (7)
12 Chance a lot cooking fish thought to have gone off? (10)
13 Excellent brandy! (4)
15 Appease appetite for fresh sausage (7)
17 Eight down, say, and worried (7)
19 Rook's early openings beat check (7)
21 Nail-hardener used by a tinker at Inch (7)
23 Woman makes impression on field, opening Hickstead (4)
24 US comedian, *as it turns out*, is lying (10)
27 Courtly English ambassador cut down when carrying letter (7)
28 Rather light melody in *The Trout*, say? (7)
29 Chap, though elderly, is performing several functions at once (8)
30 Beast with thin plate on its back (6)

DOWN

1 One raises the issue at mealtimes (4-5)
2 *Sideshow touts who need shin-guards?* (7)
3 Fashionable apartment fitted, suitable for gazumping? (10)
5 Stand for serving soldiers (5,4)
6 *Old Egyptian reportedly collared?* (4)
7 Left one firm to build a colonnade (7)
8 Decimal point perfect, possibly (5)
9 Utter loss from plunder in old Chester (4)
14 Birth and death of a backbiter (10)
16 Basic habitat on a lake (9)
18 Judge in Sark orders lass hence (9)
20 *Combination of colours just right* on sea bird? (7)
22 Pot's rim damaged by plant's response to stimulus (7)
23 Old cold rhubarb (5)
25 Dead astern is simple (4)
26 Man, a little lower? (4)

Solution to Puzzle No 19,878

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LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: *R Jones, London; D S Thomson, Lincoln; M Sim, Edinburgh; J F Morton, Stowmarket; P J Taylor, Lancaster.*

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Bristol 9.30 pm to 4.53 am
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Manchester 9.41 pm to 4.39 am
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TOMORROW

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Edinburgh 10.02 pm to 4.26 am
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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4:37	7.42	4.53	7.04
Aberdeen	4:03	4.24	4:48	4.06
Avonmouth	10:10	12.58	10:30	12.52
Belfast	1.46	3.63	2:25	3.30
Cardiff	9.57	11.69	10:19	11.58
Devonport	8.56	5.27	9:10	5.46
Dover	1:40	6.58	2:01	6.65
Dublin	2:06	4.33	2:53	4.00
Falmouth	8:09	4.80	8:34	5.06
Glasgow	3:27	4.75	3.47	4.56
Harwich	2:30	4.15	2:45	3.98
Holyhead	0:57	5.82	1:28	5.36
Hull	8:56	7.60	9.37	7.13
Ilfracombe	8:53	9.12	9:17	9.17
King's Lynn	8:51	7.03	9:20	6.40
Leith	5.25	5.69	6:01	5.48
Liverpool	1:48	9.69	2:17	9.22
Lowestoft	0:17	2.42	0:10	2.56
Margate	2:51	4.88	3.00	4.77
Milford Haven	9:10	6.75	9.33	6.86
Newquay	7.54	6.55	8:16	6.63
Oban	8.25	3.50	8:56	3.75
Penzance	7.33	5.08	7:57	5.28
Portland	9:43	1.95	10:04	2.04
Portsmouth	1:59	4.80	2:34	4.83
Shoreham	1.53	6.25	2:24	6.31
Southampton	1:20	4.51	1:54	4.48
Swansea	9:12	8.26	9:34	8.34
Tees	8:29	5.47	7.11	5.25
Wilton-on-Nze	2:32	4.40	2:46	4.16

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Bournemouth Airport 23C (73F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Hamsby, Norfolk, 0.21in, highest sunshine: Edinburgh, Dumfries & Galloway, 14.9hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have clear or sunny spells but rain will spread from the west to most places. The rain will be slow to clear, especially in southern parts.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy with rain in the west spreading eastwards.

Clearer, showery weather will follow from the west.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Channel Isles:** clear or sunny spells, turning cloudy with rain. Wind west or southwesterly, moderate. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, S W England, Central N, NE England:** cloudy with rain spreading from the west. Wind southwesterly, moderate. Max 17C (63F).

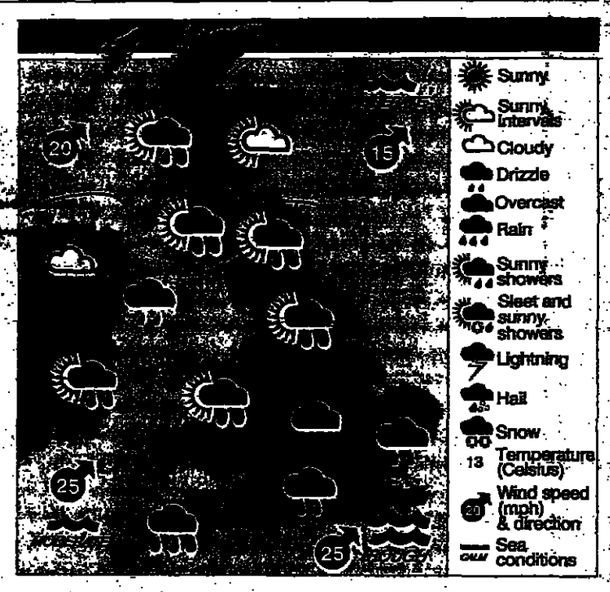
☐ **S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy with rain, turning showery. Wind southwesterly, moderate to fresh. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland:** sunny spells with showers. Wind west or southwest moderate or fresh. Max 16C (62F).

☐ **Outlook:** wet in the south; clearer and showery in the north.

☐ **Pollen forecast:** Scotland L; Northern England L; Northern Ireland L; Midlands L; East Anglia L; Wales L; South East L; South West L; London L.

H=high, L=low M=moderate.



EUROPE

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.0	-	11	52	d	Liverpool	3.8	-	15	59	b
Anglesey	9.2	-	16	61	s	London	1.8	-	15	59	c
Aspatria	12.7	-	20	68	s	Lowestoft	0.1	0.16	12	54	r
Aviemore	8.9	-	16	61	b	Manchester	4.2	-	17	63	b
Belfast	10.5	-	15	59	b	Margate	0.5	-	14	57	c
Birmingham	4.0	-	17	63	b	Minehead	11.2	-	19	66	s
Bognor R	7.6	-	19	66	b	Morecambe	6.3	-	17	63	b
Bournem'th	10.5	-	23	73	s	Newcastle	7.8	-	15	59	s
Bristol	11.0	-	22	72	s	Newquay	13.5	-	17	63	s
Buxton	3.8	-	15	59	b	Norwich	0.1	0.05	12	54	r
Cardiff	11.6	-	19	66	s	Oxford	6.4	-	19	66	b
Clacton	0.1	-	14	57	c	Penzance	13.5	-	21	70	s
Cromer	-	0.11	10	50	r	Poole	9.6	-	23	73	s
Doncaster	6.4	-	18	64	s	Prestatyn	X	-	14	57	b
Dunbar	12.6	-	15	59	s	Ross-o-wye	9.3	-	21	70	s
Eastbourne	3.1	-	17	63	c	Ryde	3.4	-	19	66	c
Edinburgh	14.8	-	21	70	s	Salcombe	13.2	-	20	68	s
Eskdalemuir	14.9	-	20	68	s	Sandown	3.3	-	20	68	b
Exmouth	12.7	-	21	70	s	Saunin Snd	11.3	-	16	61	s
Falmouth	11.4	-	22	72	s	Scarboro'	0.3	-	11	52	c
Fishguard	10.0	-	15	59	s	Shanklin	7.7	-	19	66	s
Folkestone	0.2	-	15	59	c	Shrewsbury	9.6	-	18	64	s
Glasgow	13.7	-	21	70	s	Skegness	-	-	12	54	d
Hastings	1.8	-	16	61	c	Southend	X	-	15	59	b
Hayling L	5.3	-	19	66	b	Southport	3.9	-	18	61	s
Herne Bay	0.4	-	14	57	c	Southsea	4.1	-	19	66	c
Hove	3.2	-	18	64	c	Stornoway	5.3	-	14	57	b
Hunstanton	-	-	11	52	c	Swanage	9.3	-	23	73	s
Ilfracombe	X	-	X	X	s	Teignmouth	13.7	-	22	72	s
Isle of Man	8.0	-	14	57	b	Tenby	12.0	-	19	66	s
Jersey	13.9	-	20	68	s	Tiree	9.4	-	14	57	s
Kinloss	9.1	-	14	57	s	Torquay	13.6	-	23	73	s
Leads	5.6	-	20	66	c	Tynemouth	X	-	-	-	-
Lerwick	1.9	-	11	52	d	Ventnor	9.2	-	20	68	b
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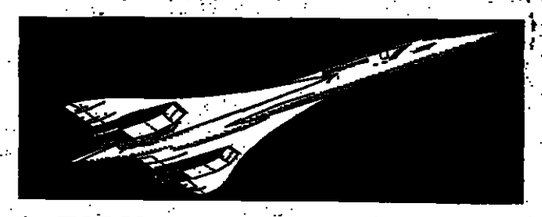
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Ajaccio	22	72	s	C'phagn	15	59	s	Majorca	26	77	f
Alcobi	28	82	s	Dublin	13	55	s	Malaga	24	75	f
Alex'dria	27	81	f	Dubrovnik	27	81	s	Malta	31	88	s
Algiers	28	79	f	Faro	21	70	s	Melb'rne	12	54	s
Amst'dm	11	52	c	Florence	22	72	s	Mexico C	23	73	f
Athens	32	90	s	Frankfurt	14	57	c	Miami	31	88	s
B Aires	11	52	c	Funchal	22	72	c	Milan	22	72	c
Bahrain	36	97	s	Geneva	16	64	f	Montreal	23	73	s
Bangkok	35	95	f	Gibraltar	23	73	s	Moscow	29	84	f
Barcelona	22	72	f	Helsinki	20	68	c	Munich	16	61	f
Beirut	28	82	f	Hong K	30	86	f	N Delhi	43	109	s
Belgrade	25	77	f	Innsbruck	15	59	r	N York	24	75	s
Berlin	15	59	s	Istanbul	28	82	s	Nairobi	24	75	s
Bermuda	25	77	f	Jeddah	38	100	s	Naples	28	82	s
Biarritz	19	66	s	Jo'burg	16	61	s	Nice	21	70	s
Borde'x	24	75	s	Karachi	37	99	s	Oslo	15	59	c
Brussels	13	55	c	L Angels	17	63	c	Paris	18	64	f
Budapst	23	73	f	L Palmas	23	73	s	Peking	22	72	f
Cairo	33	91	s	Le Touqt	15	59	f	Perth	-	-	-
Cape Tn	16	61	f	Lisbon	18	64	c	Prague	15	59	f
Ch'church	9	48	-	Locarno	21	70	s	Reykjavik	10	50	c
Chicago	30	86	s	Luxembg	15	59	c	Rhodes	27	81	s
Cologne	12	54	f	Luxor	46	115	s	Rio de J	27	81	f
Corfu	30	86	s	Madrid	26	79	s	Riyadh	41	106	s
								Rome	28	73	s
								S Fr'isco	16	61	f
								S Paulo	23	77	s
								Salzburg	17	63	f
								Santiago	14	57	f
								Seoul	28	82	s
								Sing'por	33	91	f
								St'kholm	21	70	s
								Strasb'rg	13	55	c
								Sydney	14	57	c
								Tangier	22	72	s
								Tel Aviv	29	84	f
								Tenerife	23	73	f
								Venice	23	73	f
								Vienna	20	68	f
								Warsaw	18	64	s
								Wash'ton	27	81	f
								Wel'gton	-	-	-
								Zurich	17	63	f

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Changes to the chart above from noon: low D will move northeast and start to fill; high M will remain slow moving and will weaken slightly



TORONTO, RUSSIA, BARBADOS

BA 747 from Heathrow to Toronto on 4 Aug. or 16 Sept.
● five nights at the deluxe Sheraton ● harbour cruise
● Niagara with helicopter ● Phantom of the Opera
● luncheons ● Concorde supersonic return £1,999
or £2,699 with Concorde both ways on 20 Sept.

Concorde to Nice on Sun, 2 July ● tour French Riviera and Monte Carlo ● Airbus to Heathrow £599

Concorde from Heathrow on 14 July ● overnight in St. Petersburg ● guided tours ● BA 767 return £699

Concorde supersonic to Stavanger on 24 July ● city tour and fjords boat trip ● SAS return £599

BA 767 from Heathrow on 7 July ● three nights in Moscow and three in St. Petersburg ● overnight train, first class ● guided city tours ● Concorde supersonic return £1,299

Concorde between Heathrow and Barbados ● seven nights at Discovery Bay on 23, 30 July or 19, 26 Aug. £1,999

QE2 AND ORIENT-EXPRESS

Orient-Express to Southampton on 16 July ● six night Land of the Midnight Sun cruise on QE2 via the North Cape to Trondheim ● SAS return to Heathrow £999
or £1,999 with two additional nights and Concorde

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Orient-Express to Southampton on 30 Aug. ● seven night QE2 cruise Around Britain ● Concorde from Paris £1,499

Concorde to Paris on 6 Sept. ● one night QE2 cruise to Southampton ● Orient-Express to Victoria £999

Orient-Express to Southampton on 15 Oct. ● four night QE2 cruise to Villefranche via Barcelona ● tour French Riviera and Monte Carlo ● Concorde from Nice to Heathrow £1,499

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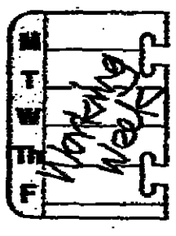
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Yorkshire utilities end share options

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

TWO Yorkshire utilities have scrapped remunerative share option schemes for their directors in response to the continuing row over option windfalls for directors of privatised companies.

Yorkshire Electricity said yesterday it had abolished the practice of granting senior executives share options, and other bonuses for directors had been scaled back. Malcolm Chatwin, chief executive, said the move was an attempt to anticipate the recommendations of the Greenbury inquiry, which next month is expected to put forward a report on executive remuneration.

The company has scrapped discretionary bonuses and replaced them with new bonus and incentive share schemes, while announcing a 20.5 per cent rise in total pay and perks for Mr Chatwin. His basic salary of £190,000 is raised to almost £317,000 by bonuses and other benefits, although £38,000 of this is deferred for four years under the new share incentive scheme.

Greenbury is thought likely to rule against executive share options in their current form, which offers the chance of substantial enrichment of directors that is not directly linked to their company's performance.

"We think we have got a scheme here which is very close to what Greenbury will propose," Mr Chatwin said.

At the same time Yorkshire Water, which last week reported a £320 million package of customer rebates, higher investment and increased dividends along with results for 1994-95, is understood to have abolished executive share options. The news will be contained in the report and accounts due in a few weeks.

The two decisions are not linked but provide further evidence that quoted companies, and privatised utilities in particular, are severely embarrassed by the row on executive share options.

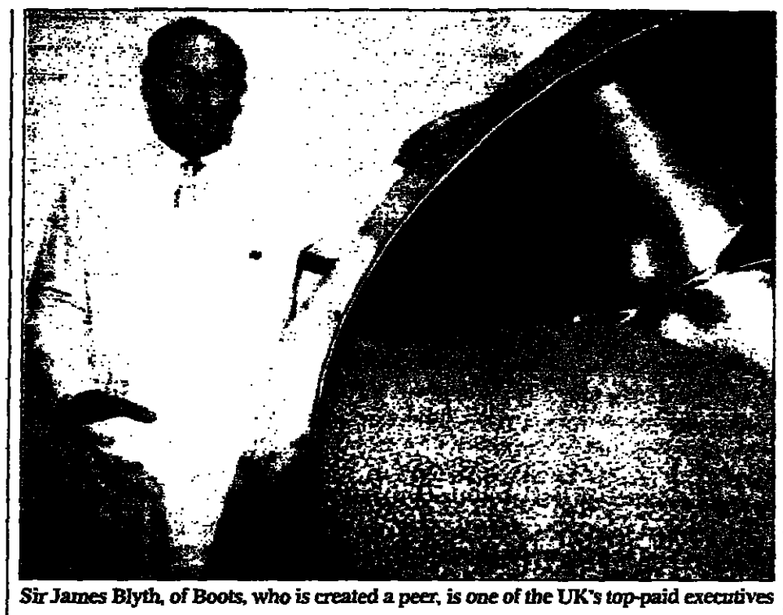
Chris Hampson, Yorkshire Electricity's chairman, said: "Directors will now be rewarded, beyond their basic salary, only after shareholders have received increased benefits." The company has also moved to head off criticism over executives' remuneration by revealing some boardroom salaries before their formal publication in the report and accounts. "We thought the best thing to do was to come clean about it, because we have nothing to hide," Mr Chatwin said. He added that in a survey of Yorkshire-based companies, most of them much smaller than his own, his new salary put him in 31st place in remuneration terms.

Meanwhile, employment terms for directors have been cut from three to two-year rolling contracts.

Yorkshire was announcing a further sharp jump in profits and dividends, although the rate of increase for the latter was well behind the other regional electricity companies that have reported this year.

Pre-tax profits rose 45.6 per cent to £217 million in the year to end-March, although this was heavily inflated by one-off factors. In particular, Yorkshire received a £17.1 million compensation payment for the cancellation of a deal to take over the Stockholm electricity utility, while rationalisation and reorganisation costs fell from £43.5 million the previous year, to £8.7 million. A final dividend of 21.42p makes 30.42p, a like-for-like rise of 15 per cent on the previous year. Earnings per share were 53.5 per cent up at 79.1lp.

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Sir James Blyth, of Boots, who is created a peer, is one of the UK's top-paid executives

Honours span all of industry

SIR John Cuckney, the former Westland chairman who went on to broker a multi-million pound deal for Maxwell pensioners, has been created a life peer in the Queen's Birthday Honours (Jon Ashworth writes). He and Sir James Blyth, 55, deputy chairman and chief executive of Boots, the chemist group, head a list that spans all corners of British industry. Sir James is one of the UK's top-paid executives, earning £880,000 last year.

There are knighthoods for Terry Harrison of Rolls-Royce, David Simon of BP, Peter Hunt of Land Securities, Michael Bett of the Training and Enterprise Council, Richard George, chairman and managing director of Weetabix, and Michael Cobham, who retires next month after 26 years as chairman of Cobham, a Dorset aerospace engineering company. Sir Terence Burns, Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, is appointed a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.

Nicholas Durlacher, chairman of Liffe, and Peter Jarvis, chief executive of Whitbread, are appointed CBE. Others include John Towers of Rover Group, Kit Jebens, former chief executive of the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation and Leif Mills, general secretary of the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union.

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A knighthood for David Simon of BP



Honours for Terry Harrison, left, Nicholas Durlacher and Sir John Cuckney

Kleinwort chiefs set for bonanza

By Patricia Tehan

DIRECTORS and senior managers of Kleinwort Benson will become millions of pounds richer if the proposed £1 billion takeover of the investment bank by Dresdner goes ahead.

The takeover will trigger the exercise of the directors' executive share options. The bank's annual report shows senior employees, below director level, held options on 2.65 million shares at the year end, which, if exercised, at a price of 750p a share would mean a £10 million profit.

Under a separate SAYE scheme, Kleinwort employees have options on 3.12 million shares, which would make them £11.8 million profit.

Rob Jeens, finance director, had options on 67,568 shares which would make him a profit of £256,758.

Rab Harley, head of operations and a board director since June 1993, has 33,784 share options, which would net him £153,380. Sir Nicholas Red mayne, joint chief executive of investment banking, with options on 27,027 shares, will be £102,703 richer.

Simon Robertson, deputy chairman, has 24,324 options, which will give him a profit of £92,431. Timothy Barker, vice-chairman, has 21,622 options, that will make him £82,164 profit.

David Peake, former chairman and now a non-executive director, also has a beneficial interest in shares worth £1.64 million at 750p, and is trustee to a further 129,617 shares worth £972,127. His family has a deemed beneficial interest in 12.8 million shares worth £96.2 million.

Lord Rockley, the chairman, has a beneficial interest in shares worth £856,575 at 750p, and is trustee in respect of shares worth another £1.2 million. David Benson, a non-executive, holds shares worth £1.9 million. Sir Nicholas Redmayne holds 173,733 shares worth £1.3 million.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3398.1	(-4.9)
Yield	4.12%	
FT-SE A All share	1642.04	(-1.65)
Nikkei	14703.17	(-164.09)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4509.75	(+13.48)*
S&P Composite	538.99	(+1.87)*

US RATES

Federal Funds	6%*	(6¼%)
Long Bond	112²⁄₃₂*	(113²⁄₃₂)
Yield	6.64%*	(6.60%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6¼%	(6⅝%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	105³⁄₃₂	(106¼)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6075*	(1.6010)
London:		
$	1.6071	(1.5961)
DM	2.2514	(2.2529)
FFr	7.9050	(7.9020)
SFr	1.8657	(1.8667)
Yen	135.96	(135.27)
£ Index	84.8	(84.5)

$$$ DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4020*	(1.4067)
FFr	4.9210*	(4.9280)
SFr	1.1625*	(1.1645)
Yen	84.68*	(84.57)
$ Index	88.5	(88.7)

Tokyo close Yen 84.35

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Sep) $17.20 ($17.30)

GOLD

London close $390.05 ($389.15)

* denotes midday trading price

Tax cut threat

Lower corporation tax receipts and fewer payments from Customs and Excise forced up Government borrowing during May. If the trend continues throughout the year then the Chancellor's scope for tax cuts will become more limited in the Budget.

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G7 explores ways to improve handling of economic crises

From Janet Bush in Halifax, Nova Scotia

THE Group of Seven industrialised countries yesterday agreed to explore ways to strengthen the world's ability to deal with economic collapses after the incompetent way the Mexico crisis was handled this year.

The finances of the International Monetary Fund, which came in for considerable criticism for its handling of Mexico, should be strengthened. There are various proposals on the table, which officials will seek to flesh out in the months before the autumn meetings of the IMF and World Bank in Washington.

At the same time, Jacques Santer, president of the European Commission, who attended yesterday's sessions, suggested that the mutual economic surveillance practised in Europe under the Maastrict Treaty should be adopted by the G7.

Pushing his alternative model for world economic surveillance, he said that those countries which did not perform on criteria such as inflation and deficit control would be criticised publicly. Just as the European Commission might issue a critical report on a country's performance, the IMF could do the same for G7 and other countries. He said that the framework already in place in Europe could be an inspiration for the rest of the world.

International discussions between finance ministers have been dominated by the perceived failure to head off the crisis in Mexico and the messy way in which emergency funds were then found. Yesterday, there were various proposals on the table. British officials said the next step would be an "outreach programme" to build wider support for a new emergency financing mechanism at the IMF and, in more general terms, reform of the IMF and other Bretton Woods institutions.

One suggestion is the doubling of an existing $28 billion pool of funds under the IMF's general arrangements to borrow, paid for by the top ten industrial economies plus Saudi Arabia. Another possibility is to raise funds for an emergency pool from some of the richer developing nations, particularly in the Pacific Rim, such as Korea. Brazil has been mentioned as another possible candidate.

Another proposal, floated by the US delegation, is for the IMF to act as a kind of bankruptcy court. A country such as Mexico which found itself in difficulty could be protected from its creditors in a US-style Chapter 11 arrangement while a financial aid package is put in place.

Britain was yesterday disappointed with continuing opposition to its proposal that the IMF should sell some of its gold reserves in order to provide more heavily subsidised lending to the world's poorest countries.

McDonald's leaves Route 66

By Jon Ashworth

THE McDonald's fast-food business has been forced to climb down over its Route 66 restaurant promotion.

The group has reached an out-of-court settlement with the holders of the Route 66 trademark, in spite of saying that it would "vigorously defend" its right to use the name of the American highway.

Andre and Maraide Levy issued a writ against McDonald's in February, claiming damages over use of a registered trademark. McDonald's agreed to settle this week, shortly before the case was due before the High Court. The settlement includes an amount for damages, full payment of legal costs, and an undertaking to destroy all infringing material. The group has pledged not to use the Route 66 theme again.

The result is a largely symbolic victory for the Levys, who registered Route 66 with a view to launching branded products. Route 66 cigarettes are on sale, and the Levys hope that Route 66 drinks and clothes will follow.

McDonald's agreed to a settlement without admitting liability. Its Route 66 promotion ran for two months this year at a reputed cost of £5 million.

The Levys are pursuing a separate action against ABN Amro, the Dutch bank, over alleged non-payment of $4 million said to have been destined for Route 66 product development.



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Matra wants three-way space group merger

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

MATRA Marconi Space, the Franco-British satellite group, is demanding a three-way merger of Europe's leading space companies to create a continent-wide champion with annual sales approaching £1.5 billion.

Lagardere Groupe, which partners Britain's General Electric Company in MMS, is pressing to join a merger agreed in outline between the satellite businesses of Aérospatiale of France and Daimler-Benz Aerospace (Dasa) of Germany.

Noel Forgeard, the outspoken boss of Lagardere's defence business, has appealed to the new right-of-centre French Government President Chirac for inclusion in the link-up. Lagardere says it is also speaking for GEC, which holds 49 per cent of MMS. "We are completely in step," said a Matra spokesman.

Matra, which is proud of its aggressive private sector approach, claims that a three-way rationalisation could cut costs substantially and create a European satellite champion with the scale and efficiencies to match rivals in America.

The company has led the way in rationalising the European industry. It merged its space business with that of GEC last year, taking 51 per cent against GEC's 49 per cent. The combined company then bought the space business of British Aerospace.

Bernard Pons, the French Transport Minister, this week signalled his Government's enthusiasm to reduce state intervention in the aerospace industry.

In a ground-breaking statement at the Paris Air Show, he said France was now receptive to appeals from Dasa and British Aerospace, which has 20 per cent of the shares, to turn Airbus Industrie, the European airliner consortium, into a limited company.

Louis Gallois, chairman of Aérospatiale, has given warning that conversion from a special-status Groupement d'Intêret Economique (GIE) could land the partners a Fr7 billion (£900 million) tax bill.

However, M Pons said he would lobby the French Treasury to lighten the burden. He said: "Everyone is agreed that the GIE has to adapt and that we want it to evolve into an integrated company."

Meanwhile, Matra is telling the French Government that a satellite link-up would enable the cost of France's Stentor civil communications satellite programme to be cut by Fr200 million.

Plans for a space systems merger between France's state-owned Aérospatiale group and its putative German private-sector partner are already well advanced. Outline agreement has been reached, but they have yet to carry out due-diligence inquiries, and must seek formal government approvals. Matra insists it is not too late for a three-way deal. "We have had a fair hearing from the authorities," the spokesman said.

Borrowing soars after shortfall in tax receipts

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

LOWER than expected receipts from corporation tax and Customs and Excise were the main factors behind a big rise in public sector borrowing last month that cast doubt on the Government's ability to hit its full-year target.

An overshoot on the target for the public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) would reduce the scope for Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to make the tax cuts regarded among Conservatives as vital to the party's re-election chances.

Mr Clarke forecast a £21.5 billion deficit for the fiscal year to the end of March 1996, down from £34.3 billion last year. But the figures published yesterday showed a PSBR of £4.15 billion last month, which brought the cumulative deficit to £8 billion only two months into the fiscal year.

This represents a reduction of only 5.5 per cent compared with the same period last year and many City economists said they now expected Mr Clarke to have to lift his prediction for the full year in his summer forecast on June 28.

Although corporation tax receipts are expected to recover when the usual surges in receipts occur in July and October, economic slowdown, largely reflecting consumer wariness, is likely to continue to make inroads into government receipts.

Alex Garrard, UK economist at UBS, foresees the full-year PSBR rising to £25.7 billion. David Hiller, economist at NatWest Markets, predicted a deficit of about £23.5 billion.

The May PBSR figures also contained a downward revision of the April deficit to £3.8 billion. The Treasury underlined that May was usually a big borrowing month and that it was still early days to judge the full-year picture.

Market forecasts for the May PSBR had centred on £3.45 billion.

Yesterday's disappointing data followed the rise in inflation reported on Thursday, which cast doubt on Mr Clarke's ability to achieve his central target for core inflation of 2.5 per cent.

The targeted measure of retail price inflation, which excludes mortage interest payments, rose to an annual 2.7 per cent in May from 2.6 per cent in April.

☐ Gold was fixed at $391.30 in London, unchanged from the five-week peak it hit yesterday morning and holding on to strong gains made on Thursday.

The higher gold price was seen as a reflection of market uncertainty as the Group of Seven summit prepared its economic communiqué in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Dealers said the attitudes of American funds would decide which way gold would move next week.

Analysts and traders will on Monday start the World Gold Conference in Lugano, Switzerland. One of the key issues will be what happened to the 175 tonnes of gold sold by the Belgian central bank earlier this year.

☐ Most companies see the economic recovery in Britain as "somewhat fragile" and continue to suffer from low business confidence, according to Coopers & Lybrand's May regional trends survey. The survey supported the view that there is little underlying economic reason for higher interest rates.

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ADRIAN BROOKS



David Lloyd has served up an 18 per cent profit rise

Healthy growth at David Lloyd

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

DAVID Lloyd Leisure, the tennis to healthclubs group run by the former tennis star David Lloyd, served up another ace as strong organic growth helped pre-tax profits to advance by 18 per cent, to £3.5 million, in the six months to March 31.

Growing membership at David Lloyd's existing clubs was the main factor behind the profits increase, although a new ten-pin bowling club at Eastbourne also helped. Turnover grew by 30 per cent, to £14.3 million, with the total number of memberships up by 9.3 per cent, to 23,768.

David Lloyd, the company chairman, and captain of the British Davis Cup team, said: "We are seeing good organic growth from existing clubs and the new ten-pin bowling club in Eastbourne. Membership levels are encouraging at our new club in Bristol and, while levels at Birmingham have been building more slowly, the club is making a positive contribution."

Mr Lloyd said: "The recent programme of acquiring and developing new sites is now bearing fruit, and the outlook for the group is excellent."

The interim dividend rises by 17 per cent, to 1.7p (1.45p) and is payable on August 15. Earnings per share were 21 per cent up, at 5.73p (4.73p). Gearing crept up to 63 per cent at the interim stage, against 14 per cent a year earlier and 40 per cent at the last year end.

The company has appointed Jim Clarke finance director. Mr Clarke, who has been financial controller of HP Bulmer since 1992, succeeds David Gray, who resigned as finance director in February for personal reasons.

Analysts are looking for full-year profits of about £9 million this year, with £12 million pencilled in for next year.

The shares eased 1p, to 264p.

Storehouse doubles bonus to Edelman

KEITH EDELMAN, chief executive at Storehouse, the BhS to Mothercare group, saw his pay rise 10 per cent to £666,410 last year, according to the company's annual report. The rise reflected a doubling in his bonus to £140,000.

The annual report also shows that Ann Iverson, the former head of Mothercare, made a £179,045 profit by exercising share options before she left the group last June. She exercised 153,030 share options, granted at 99p in May 1991, and sold the shares at 216p. All her outstanding share options lapsed when she left and she received no compensation. Earlier this week, Miss Iverson announced that she is to join Laura Ashley next month as chief executive. While Mr Edelman was the highest-paid director last year, in the previous year, Miss Iverson received the biggest pay package, totalling £495,986.

Acorn delivers warning

ACORN COMPUTER GROUP said yesterday that tough market conditions in the United Kingdom for personal computers would adversely affect its first-half results. The problems have come in spite of a strong showing by the Risc PC, Acorn's flagship computer model, and a performance in line with expectations at its associated company Advanced Risc Machines. The shares fell 2½p to 90p. Acorn, which is 58.9 per cent owned by Olivetti of Italy, incurred pre-tax losses of £3.4 million in 1994 after restructuring and a £1.3 million loss at its core UK business. It launched a £17.2 million rights issue in February.

SNC South Africa deal

SMITH New Court is to buy 51 per cent of Davis Borkum Hare & Co (DBH), the South African corporate broker, as part of its plan to expand into the South African market. The acquisition is subject to the implementation of planned changes to South African legislation. At present, overseas firms cannot buy into local stockbroking businesses. Smith New Court said the necessary changes in legislation are expected to be passed within the next few months. On Thursday, it said it had appointed Derek Keys, former South African Minister of Finance under Nelson Mandela, as a non-executive director.

Microsoft case upheld

A FEDERAL appeals court has upheld the Justice Department's controversial antitrust settlement with Microsoft, the computer software group. The appeals court said the settlement, reached nearly a year ago, was in the public interest and ruled that a federal judge in February exceeded his legal authority in rejecting the accord. Under the consent decree, Microsoft agreed to change the way that it licensed its products to personal computer manufacturers to settle charges that its practices effectively excluded rival operating systems and stifled competition in violation of antitrust laws.

Scotia £33m placing

SCOTIA HOLDINGS, the biotechnology company, is raising £33.5 million through a placing and open offer to fund research and development, expand manufacturing facilities and establish a commercial infrastructure to market pharmaceutical and nutritional products. Investors are offered one new share for every seven held at 380p each. Yesterday, existing shares rose 18p to 439p. Scotia has recently made breakthroughs in its development products and has filed applications for product licences. The company was floated on the stock market in October 1993.

Publisher appointed

LACHLAN KEITH MURDOCH has been appointed publisher of *The Australian* newspaper, based in Sydney, and will join the board of News Limited. Mr Murdoch, formerly general manager of Queensland Newspapers, will take up the role next month. Mr Murdoch is deputy chairman of the board of directors of STAR Television, a subsidiary of The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*. He is also a director of Beijing PDN Xinren Information Technology, a joint venture between News Corp and China's *People's Daily*.

Hardy sets aside £25m for cutback

BY CARL MORTISHED

HARDY Oil & Gas, the independent exploration group, is making provisions of £25 million for the cost of restructuring, involving asset sales and withdrawal from non-core projects.

The exceptional provision pushed Hardy into a net loss of £28.8 million for the year to March, compared with last year's profit of £7.2 million. The decision to withdraw from certain projects follows a rethink of strategy initiated by John Walmsley, Hardy's chief executive.

Hardy has written down the value of its Canadian assets by £15 million and expects a sale to be concluded this year. The company is absorbing £10 million of exploration costs after a decision to pull out of projects in The Netherlands, Libya, Namibia and Algeria.

Hardy's revenues fell from £61 million to £51 million.

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A WORKING WEEK FOR: ROB STRINGER

'HIStory' man makes pop go with a bang

Jon Ashworth checks out the hectic life of the stage manager of the launch of Michael Jackson's new double album in the UK


SIMON WALKER

Rob Stringer, the managing director of Epic Records, is bearing responsibility for a multimillion-pound gamble

M T W Th F Working Week

PICTURE the devastation after a hurricane and one can begin to imagine the scene at the central London offices of Epic Records. Wreckage lies strewn across the floor. White gloves and spangled socks mingle with posters and record sleeves, while a robotic face glowers from every corner. It is the morning after one of the costliest record launches of all time, and Britain is rocking to the rhythm of Michael Jackson.

Across town, the man who co-ordinated the UK launch of the pop star's new double album will either be fast asleep, flipping through press reviews, or enjoying the comfort of a padded cell. Rob Stringer's week has been dominated by one obsessive aim: to ensure the whole nation knows that Michael Jackson is back on the scene. Only the cash registers will tell whether he has succeeded.

The final planks were put in place on Thursday evening when dozens of Securicor vans loaded with copies of the new *HIStory* double album set out for music stores across the UK. Michael Jackson lookalikes were on hand to add to the excitement yesterday as shops opened early in anticipation of the hoped-for rush. T-shirts and balloons were thick on the ground after a final 48-hour blast of TV spots and video extravaganzas. The streets were awash with hype.

All this posed quite a challenge for Stringer, who, at the age of 32, finds himself bearing the responsibility for a multi-million-pound gamble. As managing director of Epic Records, one of three Sony labels, he has stage-managed the launch as far as money and logistics allow. The rest is down to the public — and Stringer's head is on the block if it all goes wrong. "I accept that," he says, perched on a couch in Epic's Great Marlborough Street offices. "Michael Jackson is interested in number one records. He has pretty high targets."

The countdown began several weeks ago when Stringer and other executives met the reclusive star at an hotel in Los Angeles. Stringer struggles to find the words. "He kind of surpasses just the music connotation," he gasps. "I mean, it is probably like meeting one of the most famous people in the world, and also one of the most talked-about this century. You can't help but feel his aura. You're not sitting opposite a normal human being."

Jackson's dress was "pretty conservative — he didn't have any gold on or anything", and he proceeded to discuss the forthcoming launch with a businessman's eye for detail. "He's very bright, very articulate, and he played us tracks from the record. He has an astute business sense and knows how the music business works."

The exercise went live at exactly 7.45am on Friday, May 19, when the new Michael Jackson single, *Scream*, was released for simultaneous play on radio and television. It went straight to number three in the charts, but had slipped to number five by the start of this week, prompting a frantic ring-round by Epic executives.

So tight was security before the launch, that Epic was given just two CDs to play to its UK marketing team. The album went into production only about ten days ago for fear of a flood of pirated copies from the Far East. Masters cut in Los Angeles were sent to a CD plant in Austria and a cassette factory in The Netherlands. Copies were then distributed to bonded warehouses under heavy security.

The marketing campaign, which cost £1 million, began in earnest on Monday, with a blitz of cardboard Michael Jackson cutouts, T-shirts, countdown days and competitions, but hints of the military-style scale of the exercise surfaced much earlier. Journalists were bombarded with copies of the single along with a remastered *Greatest Hits* compilation, the first half of the new double package.

Just over a week ago, the headline "Jacko And Lisa 'Expect Baby' " mysteriously surfaced on TV's teletext service. This turned out to be a taster for an interview with Diane Sawyer, of America's ABC network, which ran on BBC1 last night. Newspapers and magazines began bristling with gossip items and exclusive previews.

Epic created a Michael Jackson music room with state-of-the-art sound system in which to blast selected retailers and reviewers. Wednesday brought the first wave of TV advertisements: a barrage of ten-second "teasers", costing £100,000 in airtime, and featuring a futuristic Jackson statue being buzzed by helicopters. On Thursday, bemused East Enders were treated to the sight of a ten metre high Jacko effigy cruising up the Thames. Helicopters circled overhead as the steel and glassfibre creation swept under Tower Bridge before parading for camera crews assembled on waiting press boats. Stringer quaffed champagne with the media hounds as the colossus bobbed on the waves. Review copies of the album were dispatched in time to make the morning editions, and radio stations began sampling some of the new tracks.

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Pre-launch hysteria reached fever pitch on Thursday evening, with the exclusive screening on *Top of the Pops* of a $6 million promotional video. As the nation's teenagers considered their verdicts, about half a million CDs, cassettes and LPs were filling the shelves at HMV, Virgin, Woolworths and Our Price. By daybreak, it was all down to the cash registers.

Stringer, who conceded that he "might be in a nursing home" by the time all this was over, can only hope that all goes to plan. "On Saturday, I'd like to be able to walk into a record shop and see Michael Jackson everywhere and people buying it," he says. "Once the record's out, there's not much we can do about it for 24 hours. We can respond to things, but what we don't really want to do is keep spending and spending to try to make things right. We hope we've got it right at the initial launch."

Countdown week was fully expected to bring its horrors. "There'll be loads of last-minute panics because things won't arrive on time or suddenly someone will write a bad review of the record, or the video will be late, or something will go missing," says Stringer. The album is "probably one of the most expensive records ever made", he says, but he will not put a sum on the cost of the entire launch.

Monday morning will bring the first sales statistics, broken down by region and retailer. Stringer and his team will sit down and plan a fresh campaign aimed at ironing out any snags. Epic hopes to continue milking *HIStory* until the spring of 1997.

Stringer is still expected to find time for other Epic artists, such Sade, Gloria Estefan and Manic Street Preachers. "We used to have George Michael," he confides.

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Born in Aylesbury, Stringer took a graduate job with CBS Records after university in London, and rose rapidly through the ranks, taking the helm at Epic two years ago. "I was quite lucky when I started, because people left at the right time and I managed to get into marketing a bit faster than I probably would have done."

He was marketing man to Bros in the "roller-coaster" days when the band sold 1.5 million albums in six months, and admits to having "fantastic fun" flying all over the world, although things are a little different now. "I had a say in what Bros's records sounded like because I was involved, and I could talk to the band directly. Michael Jackson does not ask my opinion."

Stringer holds sway at Epic in open-neck shirt and slacks, barking orders from his glass-fronted den, with the obligatory hi-fi system and demo tapes close to hand. He still finds time to get out on the road, taking in gigs and studio sessions from London to Doncaster. "Frankly, I'm 32, not 52, and I'm still pretty hands on," he says. "I still get nervous ahead of a live gig when one of our acts is playing."

Epic originally planned a Michael Jackson's *Greatest Hits* record with four new tracks for release last Christmas, but the project snowballed. "In theory, we're aware that this could be the biggest record of all time," says Stringer. "Big albums tend to be hits albums, and this is a hits album plus a brand-new Michael Jackson album."

The proof will come in the sales figures. "We've really got two years to sell this album," says Stringer. "We've got a while to get the public understanding the new record, and as we take single after single — at Christmas we'll be three singles in — the record will be much more familiar."

Mention the star of the piece, and the superlatives begin to fly. "None of us can imagine what it's like to be Michael Jackson," says Stringer. "He's been incredibly successful all over the world since he was nine years old, and that's pretty scary. The fact that he's still alive and making records puts him in a category of his own." Epic staff can ponder this on Monday as they sweep up the mess.

HIDDEN ASSETS

Buccaneering tales from a bank's secret library

Lindsay Cook discovers rare books and maps behind the sign of the black horse

Up a few steps from the offices of the chairman and the chief executive of Lloyds Bank — that most British of banks — lies a piece of South America. Two rooms are devoted to a rare collection of books collected by the Bank of London and South America which was taken over by Lloyds in 1971.

Until now, the contents of the directors' library have been a well-kept secret. They are seen only by a few academic researchers each year. Occasional lunch guests of Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive of the bank, may wander into the walnut-panelled rooms, but with drinks in hand the glass cabinets remain firmly closed.

Catalogued and valued five years ago, the collection is now set to become public. The next edition of the Library Association's directory of rare books will include an advertisement for the Lloyds collection, inviting researchers to use the books.

Travels in the Interior of Brazil vies with *A Glimpse at Guatemala* and *A Voyage to South America*. The books date back to the early 19th century and have pull-out maps and town plans from this buccaneering age. Don George Juan and Don Antonio de Ulloa undertook their voyage to South America at the command of the King of Spain, while Brazil's interior, particularly the gold and diamond districts, were explored by authority of the Prince Regent of Portugal. Lieutenant J. M. Gilliss's *US Naval Astronomical Expedition to the Southern Hemisphere* has a message from Franklin Pierce, the US President in 1854. They conjure up an age when explorers were the personal envoys of their kings and won great wealth by their adventures in far-flung outposts by beating their way through the bush to map the terrain and log the mineral resources.

Those wanting to see the early hand-coloured maps or any other items should apply to Dr John Booker, the bank's archivist and curator, and arrive at Lombard Street with a supply of pencils. Pens, like food and drink, are not allowed near the 500 books. The library is open from 9.30am to 4.30pm, and researchers may return to the peaceful, elegant room to work at the circular table for as many days as they like.

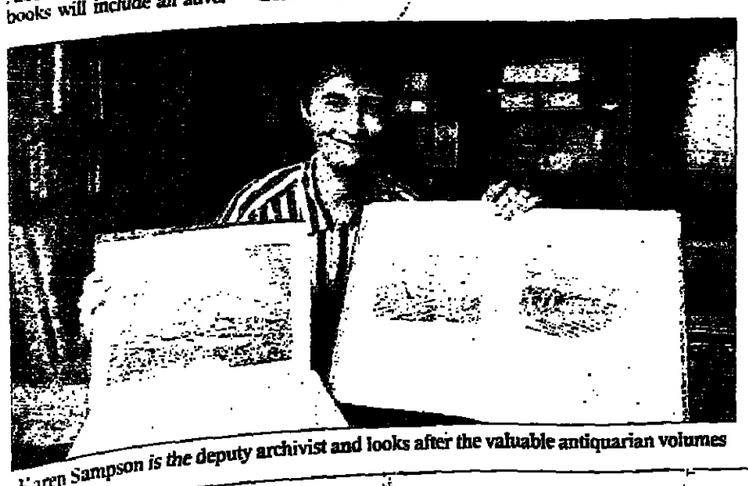
Karen Sampson, deputy archivist at Lloyds, said: "We always supervise people who want to use the books." Some of the volumes are fragile with maps that could easily tear. The most valuable title, a geographical and historical dictionary of America and the West Indies in five volumes, has already been repaired after being damaged during the last war.

The collection was started in 1957 when the Bank of London and South America was formed by the union of the London & River Plate Bank and the London & Brazilian Bank.

"They wanted something to mark their moving into a new head office and put together a list of books to buy with the help of historians and academics and sent it to antiquarian booksellers, asking them to look out for the books," Miss Sampson said.

Over the next nine years, the books came up for sale and were added to the collection. After the buying stopped, a tradition developed of visiting overseas bankers presenting copies of 20th-century books to the collection. It was only when Lloyds Bank International became part of the main bank in 1986 that the directors' library ceased to grow.

The bank, founded in June 1765 in Birmingham, where a single office of Taylors & Lloyds sufficed for almost 100 years, also has full archives on its British activities back to the time when beehives were the bank's symbol. The sign of the black horse was adopted only with the purchase of Barnetts, Hoares & Co in 1884.



Karen Sampson is the deputy archivist and looks after the valuable antiquarian volumes

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Medeva advances ahead of expected bid by Fisons

SHARES of *Medeva* advanced 8p to 249p and more than three million were traded. *Dealers expect details* of the proposed bid by Fisons to be revealed next week.

Both sides have been locked in talks for almost three months in an attempt to thrash out an agreed bid. Word is that Stuart Wallis, Fisons chief executive, was prepared to offer 250p a share, while Medeva chairman Bernard Taylor was holding out for at least 300p.

Whispers circulating within the Square Mile yesterday claimed both sides have agreed an offer of around 280p a share, valuing Medeva at £812 million. Fisons war chest currently stands at £500 million after the sale of its scientific instruments and laboratory supplies division this year. But City speculators are warning that Fisons is not home and dry. They warn that a counter-bidder may be in the wings waiting for Fisons to show its hand. **Fisons** ended the session 7p better at 194p.

The rest of the equity market ended the week on a flat note as share prices fluctuated for much of the session ahead of the expiry of the June traded options. The FT-SE 100 index gave up an early 13-point lead and by lunchtime was nursing a fall of more than 22 points. But with Wall Street opening on a positive note ahead of the triple witching hour, marking the expiry of both futures and options and the settlement of cash positions, London put in a late rally. In the event, the index closed just 4.3 lower at 3,366.1 on turnover of 661 million shares, giving a rise on the week of 28.4. The outcome might have been worse but investors were kept happy on *a steady diet of bid rumours.*

Talk of a bid for **Cable and Wireless** shows few signs of *abating with the price adding* 11p at 448p on turnover of almost 10 million shares. Once *again its name is being linked* with **BT**, down 4p at 394½p, which is reckoned to have received *Government* clearance to make an offer providing it sells off the Mercury telecom subsidiary.

Legal & General stood out with a jump of 22p to 535p on suggestions that it may soon find itself on the receiving end of a bid from Allianz, the German insurance company. L&G refused to comment and most brokers are taking a sceptical view about the story. But with talk of a break-up value of 650p a share, there was no shortage of buyers.



Moir Lockhead, left, and Trevor Smallwood of FirstBus

A break-up value of £17 a share is being placed on **Thorn EMI** which no doubt accounted for yesterday's 31p rise in the shares to £13.48. Thorn has given a number of presentations in the City this week and has made it clear that, if Walt Disney still wants its music business, it must bid for the entire company. It was claimed Walt Disney was ready to pay £3 billion for Thorn's music division.

Zeneca put in a late surge to finish 12p better at £10.93 as bid speculation was re-kindled *by the news that Sandoz, the* Swiss pharmaceutical group, had sold off its chemical *division for £1 billion.*

There was a renewed burst of speculative support for **Securicor** with the price climbing 67p to £16.10. Hopes are growing that the group will soon find a buyer for its 40 per cent stake in Cellnet reckoned to be worth almost £1.5 billion. Talks with BT, which owns the remaining 60 per cent of Cellnet, foundered after the Government warned it would block any deal between the two companies. Securicor's publicly-quoted offshoot, **Security Services**, finished 40p higher at 888p.

Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television jumped 33p to 528p as more than 2 per cent of the company changed hands within 24 hours. A cross-over of 500,000 shares at 520p was recorded overnight with lines of 400,000 and 100,000 going through at similar prices yesterday. Last month, MAI bought a 14 per cent stake.

Trading in newly-merged **FirstBus**, Britain's second biggest regional bus company, got off to a subdued start with the shares opening at 147p in their new form. They ended *the day at 146p in thin trading* which saw less than 50,000 shares change hands. *FirstBus was the outcome of a* £265 million merger between GRT Bus Group and Badgerline. **Meconic** enjoyed a positive debut after a placing of shares by stockbroker *Smith New Court at 130p. The* price started life at 168p and eventually closed at the best of the day with a rise of 43p at 173p. A total of 3.56 million shares were traded.

Scotia Holdings, the pharmaceuticals group, stood out with a rise of 18p to 439p as its placing and open offer, designed to raise £33.5 million, were successfully executed. Stockbrokers ABN Amro Hoare Govet and Kleinwort Benson placed a total of 9.28 million shares with various institutions at a price of 380p. The open offer was on the basis of one-for-seven.

There are rich pickings still to be had for shareholders of **Yorkshire Electricity** which back in January treated them to a special dividend of 90p. Yesterday, the group added to this with a near-30 per cent increase in the ordinary dividend to 30.4p after increasing pre-tax profits last year by 46 per cent to £217 million. The shares finished 5p lower at 708p. **Acorn Computers** slipped 2½p to 90p after issuing a profits warning. It said that adverse trading conditions in the domestic personal computer market would affect first-half profits. **Enviromed** was sent reeling by a gloomy trading statement, leaving the price 31p lower at 49p.

□ **GILT-EDGED** opened lower on the back of weaker US Treasury bonds overnight. They received a further setback with publication of the latest Public Sector Borrowing Requirement which turned out to be higher than expected. At one stage, prices were down more than £1 at the longer end with attempts at a rally proving short-lived.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt *touched* a low for the day of £104¹¹/₁₆, before finishing £¹¹/₁₆ lower at £105¹/₁₆ with *a total of 65,000 contracts* completed. Benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 dropped *£³¹/₃₂ to £97¹³/₁₆*, while, at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £¹³/₃₂ off at £100⁷/₁₆.

□ **NEW YORK:** Blue chips powered ahead at midday, shrugging off weakness in the bond market as prices benefited from the effects of triple witching, analysts said. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 13.48 to 4,509.75.

MOVERS OF THE WEEK

	Current price	Week's change	
Kleinwort Benson	713p	+45p	Bid approach from Dresdner
Bellwinch	22p	-6p	Profits warning
Cable & Wireless	448p	+43p	Bid speculation
Tadpole Technology	40p	-45p	Continuing losses
Berisford	226p	-32p	Problems at Magnet
Tinsley Robor	86p	+13p	Bumper full-year figures
CML Microsystems	139p	-14p	Profits warning
Enviromed	49p	-31	Gloomy trading statement
Legal & General	535p	+32p	Bid speculation

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	4509.75 (+13.48)
S&P Composite	538.99 (+1.87)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	14703.17 (-164.09)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	9313.95 (+51.95)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	430.71 (-2.15)
Sydney:	
AO	1973.6 (+12.5)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2119.79 (-8.23)
Singapore:	
Straits	2133.31 (-20.48)
Brussels:	
General	7576.94 (+11.12)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1904.95 (-15.75)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	660.30 (-4.20)
London:	
FT 30	2528.5 (-5.3)
FT 100	3366.1 (-4.3)
FT-SE Mid 250	3660.8 (-1.3)
FT-SE-A 350	1669.3 (-1.7)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1347.80 (-8.94)
FT A All-Share	1649.04 (-1.65)
FT Non Financials	1774.18 (-2.46)
FT Fixed Interest	112.43 (-0.39)
FT Govt Secs	92.86 (-0.65)
Bargains	23104
SEAQ Volume	693.4m
USM (Datastrm)	159.55 (-0.10)
US$	1.6077 (+0.0130)
German Mark	2.2513 (+0.0012)
Exchange Index	84.8 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2074
£:SDR	1.0247
RPI	149.6 May (3.4%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Brit Aero Cap Uts p/p	706	...
Finsbury Worldwide	102	...
Gradus Group (122)	126	...
Gus Carter (80)	87	-1
Intl Energy	108	-3
Langdons Foods (3)	3½	...
Meconic	173	...
NatWest Irish Sml (100)	93½	...
NatWest Irish Sml Wts	30	...
Nynex CableComms	138½	+1
Oryx India	650	...
Oryx India Wts	250	...
Silk Industries (125)	140	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Brandon Hire n/p (104)	16	...
Daniels (S) n/p (34)	20	...
David Brown n/p (205)	26	...
FKI n/p (125)	26	-1
Grand Central n/p (25)	1¼	-1¾
Laser-Scan n/p (10)	1¼	...
Turnpyke n/p (20)	¾	-¼
Waste Recycling n/p (80)	26	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Standard Chart	354p (+12p)
Scot & New	561p (+11p)
ICI	761p (+7p)
Courtaulds	473p (+15p)
Scapa	239p (+7p)
Henlys	445p (+7p)
Johnson Matthey	570p (+13p)
Huntleigh Tec	748p (+60p)
Legal & Gen	535p (+22p)
Utd Friendly	613p (+15p)
Liberty	283p (+20p)
Vendome	520p (+10p)
LBMS	235p (+7p)
Cable Wireless	448p (+11p)
Security Serv	888p (+40p)
Scoba	439p (+18p)
Medeva	249p (+8p)
FALLS:	
Montedison	434p (-22p)
Jardine Math	482p (-10p)
Pifco	268p (-23p)
Clydeport	175p (-9p)
Tesco	288p (-7p)

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TEMPUS

Better than pistons at dawn

ANGER and frustration from T&N over the German cartel office's ruling against the engineering group's takeover of Kolbenschmidt, the piston-maker, could be short-lived.

T&N acquired the shares at a good price and the German company, once an overmanned loss-maker, is now in profit. But T&N has a problem with high debts and a heavy capital spending programme — the group spent about £130 million last year.

On top of that T&N suffers a continuing drain on its profits from asbestosis claims; in March it gave warning of a further £10 million in costs and cut its dividend. T&N has *options over the German company's shares*, which would cost more than £100 million — but writing a cheque would gear up T&N to even higher levels. *Having suffered a fall in* income, T&N's shareholders might jib at reaching into their own pockets.

This is unfortunate, as T&N is in all other respects a good company and the German competition authorities appear to be demonstrating a regard for parochial interests in putting up barriers to a deal. Their concern *for the market in piston rings* is peculiar as Kolbenschmidt is not a manufacturer but a consumer and the German car makers apparently would welcome consolidation in pistons.

The real objection may be T&N's success in turning round Goetze, the once-lame German piston-ring maker. With Kolbenschmidt now healthier, the authorities would prefer a *domestic* buyer. But that could provide a happy solution for T&N; if the German company continues to grow, options could *provide a handsome* profit and graceful exit.

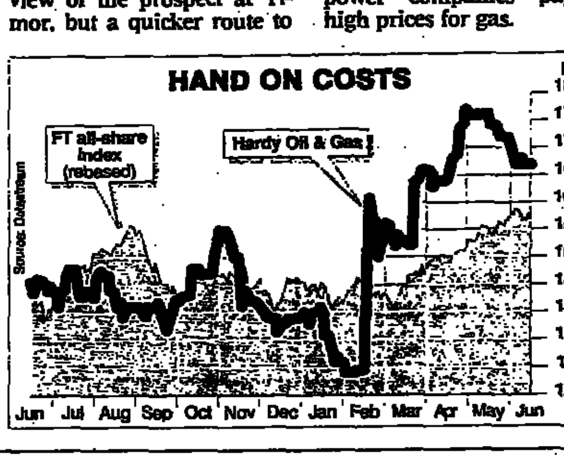
Hardy Oil

IF THE market was hoping for change at Hardy Oil & Gas, it received it yesterday in spades. John Walmsley has put the portfolio under a surgical lamp and will soon be cutting off bits that look less than healthy.

The former finance director of Enterprise Oil would be expected to have a yen for cash and the measures announced yesterday were designed to stem the rate of outflow as Hardy develops big fields such as Elgin in the North Sea.

Hardy is in the mould of companies such as Monument Oil & Gas and Lasmo: good asset portfolio, highly prospective, but where is the return for shareholders? Elgin will be expensive to develop, but extraction of liquids should defray the cost of bringing huge gas deposits ashore. Much more speculative is Hardy's interest in the Timor Gap near Indonesia. Turning the massive estimated deposits there into cash will be problematic. Profits will depend on the amount of condensate extracted.

By the end of the summer, investors may have a better view of the prospect at Timor, but a quicker route to *valuing Hardy might* be a sale of part of Elgin. Monument enjoyed a rerating *when it sold a piece of its* stake in Liverpool Bay gas field, the deal put a benchmark price on the asset. Giving up a bit of Elgin would raise useful cash too and there is no shortage of power companies paying high prices for gas.



Yorkshire Electricity

THE path of caution has been taken by Yorkshire Electricity, and then some. Not only is the dividend rise pegged to a reasonable 15 per cent, excluding the 90p per share special dividend paid in January, but the company has gone well out of its way to put its Greenbury credentials on display. Seeboard began the regional electricity company *reporting* season with a bonanza for shareholders and customers, while putting heavy *performance targets* on its share options. Yorkshire has gone one step *further and scrapped options* altogether, while attempting to defuse the remuneration row *by revealing board salaries* ahead of time.

All the companies have a vested *interest in putting on* their most favourable face before the regulatory review, while Yorkshire, like Seeboard, is a bid candidate, even if the market rumours have somewhat gone off the boil. More significant for shareholders is Yorkshire's insistence that the company will not invest overseas, after its unfortunate experience in Stockholm, to the extent of winding-up its international division. The Stockholm deal fell through because of a change in the political make-up of the City council, and *Yorkshire has* clearly decided it has enough political risk on the books at home not to need *to buy any more overseas.*

In this it appears to be taking its lead from neighbouring East Midlands, and although this policy may not have the unanimous support *of the board, it makes* Yorkshire one of the purer plays among the regional com*panies and the prospective* dividend yield at 6 per cent is at the top end of the sector. *But prices* were on the *slide* again yesterday, and the regulatory review remains the main influence on the RECs' shares.

Honours

HAPPILY for captains of industry, the political row over troughs in boardrooms has yet to change procedure at the Palace, and gongs still go to top people doing top jobs. A few mean-spirited types grumble that there is no reason to stick medals on people for just turning up to work everyday, but this is to miss the point. Knighthoods cost little to the taxpayer and nothing to the shareholder.

Honours do not just go with the job. It is true that the chairmen of our biggest companies often answer to "Sir", but timing is important. For example, Bob Horton, Sir *David Simon's predecessor at* BP, never bended knee before Her Majesty. Over at Shell, *John Jennings may be watch*ing with interest. His predecessor, Sir Peter Holmes, was appointed. *Mr Jennings* can feel reassured that BP's mass redundancies — shortly to be emulated by Shell — did not bar Sir David from top table.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Jul	931-930	Sep	1042-1038
Sep	950-949	Dec	1062-1055
Dec	976-974	Mar	1080-1072
Mar	999-998	May	1100-1080
May	1012-1011		
Jul	1027-1024		Volume: 7078

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	2800-2795	Mar	2715-2705
Sep	2726-2725	May	2690-2670
Nov	2725-2720	Jul	2680-2660
Jan	2717-2715		Volume: 3160

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	288.0-86.4
Spot: 413.5		May	291.4-89.4
Aug	360.5-60.0	Aug	295.3-92.5
Oct	307.4-06.5	Oct	279.0-76.5
Dec	292.9-91.4		Volume: 916

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 15

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	94.55	104.26	128.95
(+/-)	-0.02	-8.96	-1.64
Eng/Wales:	94.56	104.02	127.80
(+/-)	-0.03	-9.06	+1.44
(%)	-5.0	-7.0	+7.0
Scotland:	93.97	109.01	134.60
(+/-)	+0.80	-7.67	+2.57
(%)	+14.0	+14.0	-8.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.70	-0.30
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.40	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Sep)	17.20	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	18.85	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	18.70	n/c

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 198 (n/c)	O: 200 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	156 (-1)	157 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Jul	154 (-1)	155 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Aug	153 (-1)	155 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	86 (-3)	88 (-3)
Naphtha	182 (-1)	184 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jul	152.25-52.50	Oct	155.75-56.00
Aug	*152.25-52.50*	*Nov*	*157.50-57.75*
Sep	153.50-53.75		Vol: 6665

BRENT (6.00pm)

Aug	17.42-17.44	Nov	unq
Sep	17.19 BID	Dec	17.03 SLR
Oct	17.13 SLR		Vol: 13367

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jul	126.15	Sep	105.50
Sep	107.65	Nov	106.60
Nov	108.65	Jan	109.00
Jan	110.60	Mar	111.25
Mar	112.45	May	112.50
Volume: 110		Volume: 41	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	106.0	103.5
May	unq	140.0
Jun		unq
		Volume: 95

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Jul 99.25-99.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 95	2030	2015	2018
Jul 95	1990	1975	1978
Aug 95	1950	1925	1930
Oct 95	1905	1900	1897
Vol: 316 lots		Open Interest: 3880	

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(Official) (Volume prev day)	LONDON METAL EXCHANGE		Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 3035.0-3036.0	3mth: 2984.0-2985.0	Vol: 1358475
Lead ($/tonne)	616.00-617.00	629.00-630.00	92175
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1010.0-1011.0	1033.5-1034.0	374400
Tin ($/tonne)	6900.0-6910.0	6775.0-6780.0	19750
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1781.0-1782.0	1803.5-1804.0	830250
Nickel ($/tonne)	7765.0-7770.0	7895.0-7900.0	49644

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Dom.	500	35½	49	56½	2	7	14½
(*530½)	550	5	21	28	22½	29	36½
Argyll	300	26	34½	41½	1½	5½	9½
(*323½)	330	6	16	24	12½	17½	22
ASDA	80	6	8	10½	1	3½	4½
(*84½)	90	1	3½	6	6	9	10
Boots	500	24	37½	44½	4½	9½	17
(*510)	550	3	12	20½	34½	37	42½
Br Airways	420	8	20½	28	13½	20	24½
(*423)	460	0½	7	13½	48	49	51
BP	420	36½	44	51	1½	5	9
(*453½)	460	7	18½	26½	12½	20½	24½
Br Steel	160	7	11	14	3	6	8½
(*166)	180	0	3½	5½	17½	19	20½
C & W	420	40	52	60	6½	15½	20
(*448½)	460	21	33	39	21	32½	37½
CU	600	24	36½	49	9	23½	29½
(*612)	650	4½	15	26½	39½	54	58½
ICI	750	25	41½	56½	10	25½	31
(*760½)	800	5	19½	33	41	55½	59
Kingfishr	420	38½	48	58	1½	10½	14½
(*454½)	460	9½	23	34½	13	27	31½
Land Sec	600	26	42½	49	4½	11	16½
(*618½)	650	3½	16	23	32½	36½	41½
M & S	390	31	40	47½	1	4½	7½
(*418)	420	8	19½	29	9½	14½	18½
Nat West	550	24½	36½	46½	7½	20½	24½
(*564)	600	4	13½	23	37½	49½	52½
Sainsbury	420	28	37½	46	1	6	9½
(*444)	460	4½	14	23	17½	23	27
Shell	750	18	33½	44	9	22½	27
(*755½)	800	1½	10½	21½	44½	53	56½
Smkl Bch	550	20	33½	47	9	20	26
(*559)	600	2½	12½	24	42	49	53½
Storehse	260	9	14	20	6½	12	13
(*265)	280	1½	5½	11	20	24	24½
Trafalgar	45	4	6½	9	1½	3	4½
(*47½)	50	1½	4½	7	4	5½	7
Unilever	1200	58½	88½	107½	5	14	23
(*1248½)	1250	22½	55	76	18½	31½	41½
Zeneca	1050	67½	102	125½	20	44½	58½
(*1090½)	1100	40	77	100	41	68½	92

Series		Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met.	390	16½	25½	32½	10	14	20
(*398)	420	4½	12	18½	29½	32	37
Ladbroke	160	20	22½	26½	0½	3	5
(*177½)	180	6½	10½	15	6½	10½	13
Utd Bisc	330	16½	24	31½	7½	14½	18½
(*334½)	360	4½	12	19½	26½	32	35

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	460	25	37½	45½	3	8½	12½
(*479½)	500	4½	15½	24½	23	27½	31½
Thames W	460	24½	38	44½	3½	10	17
(*478½)	500	5	16½	24	24	30	37½

Series		Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
BAT Ind	500	20	29½	40½	18½	25	28
(*503)	550	3½	11½	19½	55	58½	60
BTR	330	14½	20½	26	7	12½	14½
(*335)	360	3	6	12½	26	31½	32½
Br Aero	495	43	56	—	8½	19	—
(*523)	545	16½	30	—	31½	43	—
Br Telcm	390	14½	19	23	13½	17½	23
(*394½)	420	3	7½	11½	36½	38½	42½
Cadbury	447	38½	—	—	3	—	—
(*477½)	486	12½	—	—	16½	—	—
Guinness	460	32½	41	51½	4	10	13
(*483½)	500	9	19½	29	21	28	31
GEC	300	26	28½	31½	3	6½	9
(*324)	330	5½	11½	16	18	20½	23½
Hanson	211	20	22½	24½	1	3½	6
(*227½)	231	6½	10½	13½	7½	12	15
LASMO	160	16½	22	26	2½	4½	6½
(*172)	180	5½	11½	15½	11½	13½	15½
Lucas	180	15	19	22	3½	8½	10½
(*189½)	200	5	0	12½	13½	19½	21½
Pilkngtn	180	9½	14	17	5	8	11
(*185)	200	3	5½	8½	19	21	22½
Prudential	330	26	31	38½	3½	9	11
(*348½)	360	8½	14½	22½	16½	23½	25
Redland	420	38	47½	55½	4½	10½	14½
(*450)	460	13	24	32½	20½	28	32
R-Royce	180	4	13½	18	7	11	13
(*180½)	200	2	6	10	20½	23½	25
Tesco	280	15	21½	27	5½	8½	12½
(*288)	300	5½	12	17	15½	19	22½
Vodafone	220	17	24	29	5	6½	12
(*230½)	240	6½	13½	19	14½	18	21½
Williams	330	12½	17½	24½	8	14	16
(*331)	360	2½	6½	12	29	33½	35

FT-SE INDEX (*3365½)

	3250	3300	3350	3400	3450	3500
Calls						
Jun	127½	77½	27½			
Jul	138	97½	63	36½	18½	8
Aug	146	109½	70½	54½	34½	19½
Sep	169	133½	103½	77	53	37
Dec	—	190½	—	135	—	89½
Puts						
Jun				23	73	123
Jul	13½	24	41½	66½	102	146
Aug	26½	40	60	85	116	153½
Sep	38	53	72½	97	125½	160½
Dec	—	91	—	135	—	191

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	460	18½	31	41	1	12	15½
(*477½)	500	0½	11	21	23	33½	36½
Amstrad	220	4½	15	20½	2	9½	13½
(*222½)	240	0	6½	11½	17½	21½	24½
Barclays	650	30	46½	60½	0	14	21
(*679)	700	1½	19½	34	21½	38½	46
Blue Circ	280	16	25½	31	0	7½	11½
(*295½)	300	2	14½	20½	6	16½	20½
Br Gas	300	6½	16½	21½	1½	7	12½
(*305½)	330	0	5	8½	24½	25½	30½
Dixons	240	4	11½	15	1½	10	12
(*242½)	260	0	4	7	17½	24½	25
Forte	220	18½	23	27	0	1½	4½
(*238½)	240	2	9	14	3	8	12
Tarmac	110	7½	13½	16	0	4½	6½
(*117)	120	1	8	11	4	9	12
Hillsdwn	180	4½	11½	19½	1	4½	8
(*193½)	200	0	3½	7	16½	17	19½
Lonrho	140	8½	13	17	0½	3½	5½
(*148½)	160	1	4	8	11½	15	16½
Sears	100	5½	8½	10½	0½	2	3
(*105)	110	0½	3	5½	5½	7	8
Thrn Eml	1300	48	74½	89	1	31	39½
(*1346)	1350	9	44½	61½	15	56	63½
Tomkins	220	12	16	22	0½	6½	8½
(*231½)	240	1	6	12	9½	17½	19½
TSB	240	14½	20	26	0	6½	10½
(*253½)	260	2	9	15½	7½	16½	19½
Wellcome	1000	72½	76	—	0	0½	—
(*1072½)	1050	23½	30	—	0½	7½	—

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo Well	700	55½	68½	76	2	16½	20
(*749½)	750	19½	36	46½	15½	38½	42
HSBC	800	36	61½	80	10½	38½	49½
(*915½)	850	13½	38½	58	44	65½	75½
Reuter	500	30	44½	57	5	14½	19½
(*522½)	550	6½	19	31½	30	39½	44½

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Royal Ins	300	25½	32½	40	2	10½	13
(*321½)	330	7	16	24½	13½	24½	27

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	180	14	23½	26½	0	5	8
(*194)	200	1	12½	16	6½	13½	17

Series		Calls Aug	Nov	Feb	Puts Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastern Gp	650	36	55	65½	27	37	46½
(*672)	700	14½	33	43½	57	65½	74½

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	460	15	21½	30½	4	13½	18½
(*474½)	500	0	6	13½	39	40	43
Scot Pwr	330	12	20	26	1	10½	15
(*341½)	360	0	5	12½	18½	29½	32½

June 16, 1995 Tot: 68019 Call: 24919
Put: 43100 FT-SE Call: 7892 Put: 7469
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 95	3370.0	3381.0	3368.0	3377.5	7687
Previous open interest: 84171	Sep 95	3390.0	3402.0	3363.0	3384.0	18513
FT-SE 250	Jun 95	3671.0	3671.0	3671.0	3669.0	25
Previous open interest: 5274	Sep 95	3695.0	3695.0	3690.0	3680.0	29
Three Month Sterling	Jun 95	93.33	93.35	93.30	93.32	14856
Previous open interest: 429523	Sep 95	93.01	93.03	92.95	93.00	22293
	Dec 95	92.75	92.78	92.67	92.75	17339
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 95				93.95	0
Previous open interest: 1184	Sep 95				94.30	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 95	95.50	95.52	95.50	95.50	16463
Previous open interest: 730528	Sep 95	95.63	95.67	95.61	95.67	27694
Long Gilt	Jun 95	105-27	105-27	105-10	105-19	2361
Previous open interest: 112122	Sep 95	105-15	105-15	104-22	105-02	66654
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 95	118.67	118.91	118.61	118.85	2370
	Dec 95				117.98	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 95	93.76	93.83	93.40	93.71	144519
Previous open interest: 186939	Dec 95	92.96	93.28	92.93	93.19	170
Three month ECU	Jun 95	93.80	93.80	93.78	93.79	471
Previous open interest: 18985	Sep 95	93.90	93.90	93.87	93.89	1262
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 95	96.83	96.88	96.82	96.87	1790
Previous open interest: 45356	Sep 95	96.79	96.84	96.75	96.82	2990
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 95	98.15	98.20	97.45	97.86	34742
Previous open interest: 40252	Dec 95				97.46	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 5½ Week fixed: 6¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6⁹⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth 6½ . Sell: 2 mth 6⁹⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth: 6¼ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅝-6¼	6¹¹⁄₃₂-6⁵⁄₁₆	6⁷⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₃₂	6½-6⁷⁄₁₆	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⁹⁄₁₆-6⁷⁄₁₆	6½-6⅜	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹³⁄₁₆-6¹¹⁄₁₆	7³⁄₁₆-7¹⁄₁₆
Interbank:	6⁹⁄₁₆-6⁷⁄₁₆	6⅝-6½	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6¹⁵⁄₁₆-6¹³⁄₁₆	7¼-7⅛

Overnight: open 5¾, close 4.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6½	n/a	6½	6¹³⁄₁₆	7¼
Sterling CDs:	6½-6½	6⁹⁄₁₆-6⁷⁄₁₆	6⅝-6½	6⅞-6¾	7³⁄₁₆-6¹⁵⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs:	5.96	n/a	5.96	5.84	5.94
Building Society CDs:	6½-6⅜	6⁹⁄₁₆-6⁷⁄₁₆	6¾-6½	6⅞-6¾	7¼-7

TREASURY BILLS: Applcts: £4.976m allotted: £1,300m; Bids: £98.41% received: 28%: Last week: £98.43% received: 97%; Avge rate: £6.3440% last wk £6.2735%; Next week: £1,500m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5¾	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5¹³⁄₁₆	5¼-4¾
Deutschemark:	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆	4⁹⁄₁₆-4½	4½-4⅜	4½-4⅜	5-4
French Franc:	7½-7¼	7⁹⁄₁₆-7⁷⁄₁₆	7¾-7½	7⅛-6¹⁵⁄₁₆	8½-6½
Swiss Franc:	2⅝-2⅜	3¼-2⅞	3⅜-3⅛	3⅜-3⅛	3½-2¾
Yen:	1¼-1⅛	1³⁄₁₆-1¹⁄₁₆	1³⁄₁₆-1¹⁄₁₆	1¼-1	1½-¾

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $390.60-391.00 Close: $389.80-390.30 High: $391.10-391.60
Low: $389.50-390.00 AM: $391.30 PM: $391.30

Krugerrand: $390.50-392.50 (£243.00-245.00)

Platinum: $443.00 (£275.85) Silver: $5.43 (£3.375) Palladium: $160.50 (£99.95)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 16	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5185-2.5270	2.5191-2.5224	⅛-⅛pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Brussels	46.18-46.40	46.18-46.29	9-5pr	26-18pr
Copenhagen	8.7750-8.8080	8.7790-8.7940	¼-½ds	¼-1ds
Dublin	0.9802-0.9860	0.9802-0.9827	1ds-2pr	2ds-3pr
Frankfurt	2.2498-2.2570	2.2498-2.2529	⅛-⅛pr	1½-1⅛pr
Lisbon	236.50-237.80	236.94-237.58	39-75ds	164-219ds
Madrid	195.31-195.98	195.31-195.60	49-59ds	151-168ds
Milan	2639.00-2660.50	2646.70-2656.40	8-11ds	15-18ds
Montreal	2.2102-2.2256	2.2193-2.2224	0.06-0.16ds	0.12-0.25ds
New York	1.6010-1.6095	1.6066-1.6076	0.06-0.04pr	0.24-0.20pr
Oslo	10.0030-10.0370	10.0130-10.0280	1½-½pr	3½-2pr
Paris	7.8920-7.9220	7.8980-7.9120	⅛-½ds	1¼-1⅛ds
Stockholm	11.6310-11.6900	11.6380-11.6630	2-2½ds	6½-8½ds
Tokyo	135.20-136.10	135.83-136.09	⅛-½pr	1½-1¼pr
Vienna	15.80-15.90	15.82-15.86	3-2pr	9½-7½pr
Zurich	1.8630-1.8705	1.8642-1.8671	⅛-½pr	1½-1¼pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3724-1.3734
Austria	9.85-9.86
Belgium (Com)	28.76-28.79
Canada	1.3808-1.3813
Denmark	5.4698-5.4733
France	4.9198-4.9218
Germany	1.4014-1.4019
Hong Kong	7.7350-7.7360
Ireland	1.6360-1.6370
Italy	1648.5-1649.5
Japan	84.44-84.54
Malaysia	2.4422-2.4432
Netherlands	*1.5685-1.5690*
Norway	6.2335-6.2385
Portugal	147.54-147.64
Singapore	1.3950-1.3960
Spain	121.63-121.73
Sweden	7.2580-7.2680
Switzerland	1.1610-1.1620

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6068-1.6095
Australia dollar	*2.2093-2.2122*
Bahrain dinar	0.5975-0.6095
Brazil real*	1.4573-1.4615
China yuan	12.50 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.705-0.715
Finland markka	6.845-6.961
Greece drachma	360.0-367.0
Hong Kong dollar	12.4495-12.4588
India rupee	49.79-50.75
Indonesia rupiah	*3532.0-3600.6*
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4735-0.4835
Malaysia ringgit	3.9288-3.9328
New Zealand dollar	2.3998-2.4026
Pakistan rupee	49.81 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.940-6.066
Singapore dollar	2.2433-2.2459
S Africa rand (com)	5.826-5.928
U A E dirham	5.815-5.939

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	845	Lloyds Bk	1,600
ASDA Gp	14,000	MEPC	687
Abbey Natl	*2,300*	*Marks Spr*	*5,300*
Alld Dom	1,300	NatWst Bk	7,000
Argyll Gp	5,400	Nat Power	25,000
Arjo Wiggn	852	Nth Wst W	522
AB Foods	2,800	P & O	1,000
BAA	2,500	Pearson	884
BAT Inds	3,700	PowerGen	1,600
BOC	1,100	Prudential	4,300
BP	20,000	REXAM	955
BTR	11,000	RMC	292
BT	9,400	RTZ	1,000
Bk of Scot	1,700	Bank Org	1,400
Barclays	3,000	Reckitt Col	963
Bass	2,800	Redland	1,300
Blue Circle	3,100	Reed Intl	1,800
Boots	1,800	Rentokil	1,100
Brit Aero	1,400	Reuters	2,600
Brit Airwys	*3,100*	*Rolls Royce*	*5,700*
Brit Gas	10,000	Ryl Ins	1,100
Brit Steel	8,800	Ryl Bk Scot	1,600
Burmah Cstl	289	Sainsbury	7,000
Cable Wire	*9,700*	*Schroders*	*275*
Cadbury	1,800	Scot & New	1,600
Caradon	965	Scot Power	3,700
Carlton Cms	1,100	Sears	6,500
Cm Union	*2,100*	*Svrn Trent*	*1,900*
Courtaulds	1,100	Shell Trans	14,000
De La Rue	461	Siebe	883
Eastern Elec	470	SmKl Bch	4,200
Enterpr Oil	471	Smith Nph	2,000
Forte	3,400	Sthern Elec	188
GKN	666	Std Chartd	3,200
GRE	3,500	Sun Allnce	1,500
GUS	1,400	TI Gp	1,800
Gen Acc	891	TSB	2,400
Gen Elec	3,300	Tate & Lyle	1,800
Glaxo Well	8,800	Tesco	9,600
Granada	2,200	Thames W	2,200
Grand Met	4,700	Thrn EMI	2,500
Guinness	3,600	Tomkins	2,100
HSBC	2,500	Unilever	1,600
Hanson	11,000	Utd Bisc	932
ICI	3,600	Vodafone	8,200
Inchcape	1,100	Warburg	1,000
Kingfisher	1,900	Whitbread	732
Ladbroke	2,000	Wllms Hld	3,200
Land Secs	*787*	*Wolseley*	*1,100*
Legal & Gn	5,300	Zeneca	1,900

WALL STREET

	Jun 16 midday	Jun 15 close
AMP Inc	43⅝	44¼
AMR Corp	74⅝	74½
AT & T	51½	51½
Abbott Labs	40⅝	39⅝
Advanced Micro	35	35⅝
Aetna Life	61½	62
Ahmanson (HF)	22⅝	22⅝
Air Prod & Chem	54½	53½
Albertson's	29⅝	29
Alcan Alumnm	29½	29⅝
Alco Standard	75⅝	75⅝
Allied Signal	40⅝	39⅝
Alum Co of Am	44⅝	44⅝
Amax Gold Inc	5⅝	5⅝
Amerada Hess	50	49⅝
Amer Brands	38⅝	38⅝
Amer El Power	34½	34⅝
Amer Express	35	35⅝
Amer Genl Corp	34⅝	35⅝
Amer Home Pr	74⅝	73⅝
Amer Intl	113⅝	112⅝
Amer Stores	27	26⅝
Ameritech	45⅝	45⅝
Amoco	69⅝	68⅝
Anheuser-Busch	56½	56½
Apple Computer	43½	43⅝
Archer Daniels	19⅝	19⅝
Armco	6⅝	6⅝
Armstrng Wrld	49⅝	50
Asarco	29	28⅝
Ashland Oil	35⅝	35⅝
All Richfield	113⅝	114⅝
Auto Data Pro	62½	62⅝
Avery Dennison	41½	41½
Avon Products	68⅝	69
Baker Hughes	21½	22
Baltim Gas & El	24½	24⅝
Banc One	32	31½
BankAmerica	52⅝	52⅝
Bank of NY	42½	42⅝
Bankers Tr NY	61½	62
Barnett Banks	48⅝	48⅝
Bausch & Lomb	40½	40⅝
Baxter Intl	34½	34½
Becton Dicknsn	58½	58½
Bell Atlantic	56½	55⅝
Bell Industries	20	19⅝
BellSouth	63⅝	62⅝
Black & Decker	29½	30⅝
Block (H&R)	38⅝	38⅝
Boeing	64⅝	64
Boise Cascade	34½	34⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	68	67⅝
Browning Ferris	37½	37
Brunswick	18⅝	18⅝
Burlingtn Nthn	59⅝	60⅝
CBS	70⅝	69½
CNA Financial	85⅝	85⅝
CPC Intl	61½	61½
CSX	73½	73
Campbell Soup	48½	48⅝
Can Pacific	17½	17⅝
Cpd Cties ABC	105⅝	102⅝
Carolina Pwr	29½	29⅝
Caterpillar	62⅝	62⅝
Central & SW	25⅝	25⅝
Champion Intl	47⅝	47⅝
Chase Manhat	46⅝	46⅝
Chemical Bk	45⅝	45⅝
Chevron Corp	49⅝	49⅝
Chrysler	44⅝	44⅝
Chubb Corp	81½	82
Cigna Corp	75⅝	75⅝
Citicorp	55⅝	56⅝
Clorox	61⅝	61⅝
Coastal Corp	30⅝	30⅝
Coca Cola	62⅝	61⅝
Colgate-Palmolive	76⅝	76⅝
Columbia Gas	32⅝	32⅝
Compaq Comp	40	40
Comp Ass Int	69⅝	69⅝
Conagra	33⅝	33⅝
Conrail	52⅝	52⅝
Cons Edison	29⅝	29⅝
Cons Nat Gas	38⅝	38⅝
Cooper Inds	38	37⅝
Corning Inc	33⅝	32⅝
Crown Cork	48⅝	49⅝
Dana Corp	27½	28
Dayton Hudson	72⅝	72⅝
Deere	86	86⅝
Delta Air Lines	74⅝	74⅝
Deluxe Corp	33⅝	33⅝
Detroit Edison	29⅝	29⅝
Digital Equip	45	45⅝
Dillard Dept St	28⅝	28⅝
Disney (Walt)	58⅝	57⅝
Dominion Res	37⅝	37⅝
Donelley (RR)	36⅝	36⅝
Dover Corp	69⅝	68⅝
Dow Chemical	69⅝	69⅝
Dow Jones	36	35⅝
Dresser	22⅝	22⅝
Duke Power	41⅝	41⅝
Dun & Bradstreet	53½	54
Du Pont	66⅝	66⅝
Eastman Kodak	61⅝	61⅝
Eaton Corp	59⅝	60⅝
Emerson Elec	69⅝	68⅝
Engelhard Corp	41⅝	41⅝

	Jun 16 midday	Jun 15 close
Enron Corp	35⅝	35⅝
Enserch	24⅝	24⅝
Ethyl Corp	11⅝	11⅝
Exxon	71½	71½
FMC Corp	62⅝	62⅝
FPL Group	37⅝	37⅝
Federal Express	61⅝	62½
Fed Nat Mtge	94⅝	94⅝
First Chicago	57⅝	57⅝
First Interstate	80⅝	81⅝
First Union Rlty	7⅝	7⅝
Fleet Finl Grp	37⅝	37
Fluor Corp	50⅝	50
Ford Motor	29⅝	29⅝
GTE Corp	33⅝	33⅝
Gannett	55⅝	55½
Gap Inc Del	35⅝	35⅝
Gen Dynamics	44½	44½
Gen Electric	58	57⅝
Gen Mills	51⅝	51⅝
Gen Motors	46½	46½
Gen Reinsurance	132⅝	133½
Gen Signal	38⅝	38⅝
Genuine Parts	39⅝	39⅝
Georgia Pac	79⅝	79⅝
Gillette	84½	83⅝
Glaxo Wellc ADR	24	23⅝
Goodrich (BF)	50⅝	50⅝
Goodyear Tire	42⅝	42⅝
Grace (W&R)	62⅝	62⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24⅝	24⅝
Great Wstn Fin	20⅝	20⅝
Halliburton	38⅝	38⅝
Harcourt General	42	42⅝
Heinz (HJ)	43⅝	43⅝
Hercules	49⅝	49⅝
Hershey Foods	53⅝	53
Hewlett Packard	74⅝	72⅝
Hilton Hotels	67	66⅝
Home Depot	41½	42⅝
Homestake Mng	17⅝	17⅝
Honeywell	41⅝	41⅝
Household Intl	50⅝	50⅝
Houston Inds	42⅝	42⅝
Humana	20	20
ITT Corp	116⅝	118
Illinois Tool	53⅝	52⅝
Illinova	24⅝	24⅝
INCO	25⅝	25⅝
Ingersoll Rand	38⅝	38
Inland Steel	28⅝	28⅝
Intel Corp	116⅝	115⅝
IBM	93⅝	93
Intl Flav & Fr	50⅝	50
Intl Paper	79⅝	79⅝
James River Va	27⅝	27⅝
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	68⅝	67⅝
Kellogg	70⅝	69⅝
Kerr-McGee	54⅝	55⅝
Kimberly-Clark	59⅝	58⅝
Kmart	14⅝	14⅝
Knight-Ridder	55⅝	55⅝
Lilly (Eli)	75⅝	75⅝
Limited Inc	22⅝	22⅝
LIN Brdcstng	124⅝	123⅝
Lincoln Nat	44⅝	44⅝
Litton	37⅝	38
Liz Claiborne	19⅝	19⅝
Lockheed Martin	59⅝	59⅝
Louisiana Pac	23⅝	23⅝
MCI Comm	19⅝	19⅝
Marriott Int	34⅝	34⅝
Marsh & McLnn	80⅝	80⅝
Masco Corp	27	27
May Dept St	41⅝	41⅝
Maytag Corp	16⅝	16⅝
McDonalds	37⅝	37⅝
McDonnell D	75⅝	76⅝
McGraw Hill	77	75⅝
Mead Corp	57⅝	57⅝
Medtronic	74⅝	73⅝
Mellon Bk	42	42⅝
Melville Corp	35	35⅝
Merck Inc	48⅝	48⅝
Merrill Lynch	48⅝	48⅝
Minnesota Mine	59⅝	59⅝
Mobil Corp	100⅝	101
Monsanto	89⅝	89⅝
Morgan (JP)	71⅝	71⅝
Motorola Inc	60⅝	60⅝
Natl Semi	26⅝	27
Natl Service Ind	29⅝	29
Navistar Int	15⅝	15⅝
NBD Bancorp	31⅝	31⅝
NY Times A	22⅝	22⅝
Newmont Mng	42⅝	43⅝
Niag Mohawk	14⅝	14⅝
Nike B	82⅝	83⅝
NL Industries	16	16⅝
Noram Energy	6⅝	6⅝
Nordstrom	41	41⅝
Norfolk Sthrn	64⅝	64⅝
Nthn State Pwr	45⅝	45⅝
Norwest Corp	28⅝	29⅝
Nynex Corp	42	41⅝
Occidental Pet	21⅝	21⅝
Ohio Edison	21⅝	21⅝
Oracle	37⅝	37⅝
Oryx Energy Co	14⅝	14⅝
Owens Corning	37⅝	37⅝

	Jun 16 midday	Jun 15 close
PPG Industries	40⅝	41⅝
PNC Bank	26⅝	26⅝
Paccar Inc	50⅝	50⅝
Pacificorp	18⅝	18⅝
Pac Enterprises	24⅝	24⅝
Pac Gas & Elect	28⅝	28⅝
Pac Telesis	26⅝	26⅝
Pall Corp	22⅝	22⅝
Panhandle East	24½	24⅝
Parker Hannifin	36⅝	37⅝
Peco Energy	27⅝	27⅝
Penney (JC)	48½	48⅝
Pennzoil	48⅝	48⅝
Pepsico	46⅝	46⅝
Pfizer	89⅝	88⅝
Phelps Dodge	58⅝	57⅝
Philip Morris	73⅝	72⅝
Phillips Pet	34⅝	34⅝
Pitney Bowes	39⅝	39⅝
Polaroid	42⅝	43⅝
PriceCostco	14⅝	14⅝
Procter & Gmbl	73⅝	72⅝
Providian	37	36⅝
Pub Serv E & G	27⅝	27⅝
Quaker Oats	34⅝	34⅝
Ralston Purina	49⅝	49⅝
Raychem Corp	39⅝	38⅝
Raytheon	76⅝	76⅝
Reebok Intl	35⅝	35⅝
Reynolds Metals	47⅝	47⅝
Roadway Srvcs	40⅝	45⅝
Rockwell Intl	46⅝	46
Rohm & Haas	54	53⅝
Royal Dutch	123⅝	124⅝
Rubbermaid	26⅝	27⅝
SBC Comms	46⅝	45⅝
Safeco Corp	58⅝	59⅝
St Paul's Cos	48⅝	48⅝
Salomon Inc	39⅝	39⅝
Santa Fe Pac	23⅝	23⅝
Sara Lee Corp	28⅝	28
Scecorp	17⅝	17⅝
Schering Plough	41⅝	41⅝
Schlumberger	66	65⅝
Scott Paper	44⅝	44
Seagram	31⅝	31
Sears Roebuck	57⅝	57⅝
Shell Trans	73⅝	73⅝
Sherwin Wllms	36⅝	36⅝
Skyline Corp	18	17⅝
Snap-On-Tools	35⅝	35⅝
Southern Co	22⅝	22⅝
Sprint Corp	34⅝	34
Stanley Works	37⅝	38
Sun Company	28	28
Sun Microsys	49⅝	49
Suntrust	57⅝	57⅝
Supervalu	28⅝	28
Sysco Corp	27⅝	27
TRW Inc	79⅝	79
TCC Inds	2⅝	2
Tandem Comp	16⅝	16
Tandy Corp	49⅝	48
Teledyne	24⅝	23
Temple Inland	45	45
Tenneco	46⅝	46
Texaco	68	68
Texas Inst	131	128
Texas Utilities	33⅝	33
Textron	58⅝	59
Time Warner	40	39
Times-Mirror A	22⅝	22
Timken	42	42
Torchmark	39⅝	39
Toys R Us	27⅝	27
Transamerica	59⅝	56
Travelers	42⅝	44
Tribune	59⅝	59
Tyco Labs	53⅝	55
UST Inc	32⅝	32
UAL	130⅝	13[illegible]
US Inds	13⅝	1[illegible]
USX Marathon	19⅝	2[illegible]
Unicom	26⅝	2[illegible]
Unilever NV	129⅝	12[illegible]
Union Camp	52⅝	5[illegible]
Union Carbide	30⅝	3[illegible]
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Bonds and their by-products face taxing times



Liz Dolan reports on a couple's fight for fair compensation after losing everything in a blaze

Final straw for victims of house fire

Everybody knows how insurance is supposed to work. You pay premiums to cover you against an eventuality that you hope will never happen. If disaster strikes, the insurance company holds your hand and makes good any loss. If nothing ever goes wrong, at least you have been able to sleep easy. That is the theory. In practice, it is not always that simple.

One summer's day nearly two years ago, a tractor and trailer carrying ten tonnes of straw burst into flames and collapsed on to a stone cottage in Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire. Tony Ewence, its owner, recalled: "My wife and I had just finished a cup of tea and were listening to *The Archers* when the tractor drew up in front of our window. Funny, I said to my wife, I didn't order any straw and, just at that moment, the whole lot caught fire and fell on our house."

Luckily, neither he nor Mary, his wife, was seriously injured, although Mr Ewence spent eight hours in hospital after dislocating a finger and cutting his face in the rush to escape the fire. The family, including the Ewences' son, who had been out when the fire started, moved in with a cousin for the six months it took to rebuild the property.

While accepting liability for the damage, Eagle Star, the insurer, initially refused to make any interim payment. "I said: how would you feel if you were left in the clothes you stood up in and nothing else? I wrote and asked the chief executive how he'd feel if it had happened to his family," says Mr Ewence. "I was told we had no right to an interim payment. They finally agreed to come up with some money, but I had to fight for everything we got."

Disputed claims included one for 17 pairs of trousers — Mr Ewence's and his son's. "The loss adjuster said: we'll only pay for three because all the others must have been very old. It was ridiculous." He also had to fight for "a decent amount to be released to cover the costs of looking after the three of us for all that time," he says. Possessions saved from the fire, including a microwave, a hi-fi and 350 CDs, were stored in one of the few rooms left standing. But the whole lot was later stolen, boosting the initial £65,000 claim by a further £6,000. While physically unharmed, Mary Ewence is still suffering depression brought on by "losing 40 years of treasures, everything we owned, every stitch of clothing".

The family wants to claim for pain and distress, but cannot afford to take the tractor owner to court. The policy included legal expense cover, but "the loss adjuster said we couldn't use it because no one was severely injured or died."

The Ewences are now hoping to piggy-back on any court case brought by Eagle Star for the recovery of part, or all, of its own costs from the tractor owner's insurer. But, as the insurer appears to have taken nearly two years to establish ownership of the tractor, this may prove a vain hope, even though Eagle Star is adamant that it wants to recover the money. Meanwhile, Mr Ewence struggles to pay a solicitor to handle his own side of the compensation case.

The Ewences' experience is not unusual. George Bird, who experienced similar problems with a claim for his mother from Sun Alliance, started the Sun Alliance Action Group (SAAG) a few years ago to support its policyholders who were having difficulties with claims.

He agrees policyholders should never give in to insurers if they consider they are being treated unreasonably. Witness the following subsidence cases, all backed by SAAG:

☐ Mr and Mrs G were initially offered £160,000 in 1989. The insurers eventually settled last month after being threatened with a writ. The settlement figure was £310,000.

☐ An initial offer of £1,500 to Mrs B was revised three years later. The final payout is expected to be closer to £50,000.

☐ Mr and Mrs H were offered £3,000 to fund what the action group's structural engineer considered to be an inadequate repair scheme. The Hs issued a writ. After much argument, the final settlement approached £75,000.

Sun Alliance Action Group: 01242 222210/ 222282.

ADRIAN SHERRATT



Tony Ewence, above, with his rebuilt cottage today and, below, a picture taken at the moment of the fire that almost destroyed it two years ago



WEEKEND MONEY IS EDITED BY ANNE ASHWORTH

Robert Miller and **Morag Preston** look at a worrying development

Former salesmen contact Knight Williams clients

FORMER salesmen of Knight Williams, the controversial independent adviser that specialised in retirement income planning, have been trying to poach their KW clients.

One salesman who sent letters to former KW clients did so on Westfield Business and Financial Services stationery. This firm is part of DBS Management, the UK's largest network of independent financial advisers. Ken Davy, chairman of DBS, said that the adviser had not yet been accepted for membership and promised to investigate the approach as a matter of urgency.

Singer & Friedlander, the merchant bank that has taken over £400 million of assets formerly held by Knight Williams, said this week that it had documentary evidence of other approaches being made by at least half-a-dozen former KW salesmen. Tony Fraher, chief executive of Singer & Friedlander's fund management arm, strongly condemned the poaching attempts and said investors should avoid such approaches.

Thousands of worried KW investors have been attending Singer & Friedlander roadshows, which started on Monday and continue until the end of the month, to hear further details of the takeover and to have their questions answered. As part of the deal, the merchant bank has promised KW investors that they will never have to pay front-end charges again and that any switches between different funds now listed under Singer & Friedlander will be made free of charge.

Mr Fraher said: "It is quite disgraceful and very unsettling to investors to be subject to these approaches by their former advisers. If investors did take their advice and move their portfolios before they have had a chance to evaluate what we are offering they will inevitably have to pay initial charges to a new fund manager when money is re-invested."

Singer & Friedlander has paid about £16 million for the former KW funds, which have now been transferred to the merchant bank's investment funds based in Dublin. The money has not been paid for the benefit of KW's directors or other people connected with the company.

It will be used to pay compensation to hundreds of investors who have made claims against KW through a specially designated complaints handling procedure established by the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City regulator, after it was inundated by complaints from the Knight Williams Action Group, led by Kenneth Jordan. The SIB has received 403 compensation claims and these are now being assessed. Those who qualify can expect to receive their payments sometime in August.

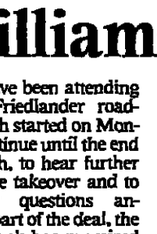
Meanwhile, landlords who let office space to Knight Williams have been told by the firm that it could "go bust" if it is not allowed to surrender its lease for a fraction of the value it is bound to pay.

Jeremy Orme, head of enforcement at SIB, and Richard Britton, head of casework at SIB, have agreed to meet Mr Jordan, on July 3, to discuss complaints, including compensation for the 40 action group members not protected by the 1986 Financial Services Act.

Singer & Friedlander's 30 nationwide roadshows consist of two one-hour presentations every working day at 11.30am and 6.30pm. A video of the roadshow held in Bristol will be sent to 16,500 former Knight Williams investors. For details of the seminars, telephone 0500 505001.

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INVESTMENT STRATEGY



ANTHONY HARRIS

The pattern of the markets in recent weeks has been suggestive. Wall Street especially rises on good news of profits, but also on bad news of impending recession, which means lower interest rates, but also a profit squeeze. (It does take needless fright about inflation, though.) The odd "correction" is quickly unwound as the underlying rise resumes. This is the behaviour of a market driven not by news, but by money. It is strongly reminiscent of the 1987 market boom and crash, when stock prices set endless records in spite of general though mistaken forecasts of a recession, and then crashed 30 per cent at the first small rise in interest rates.

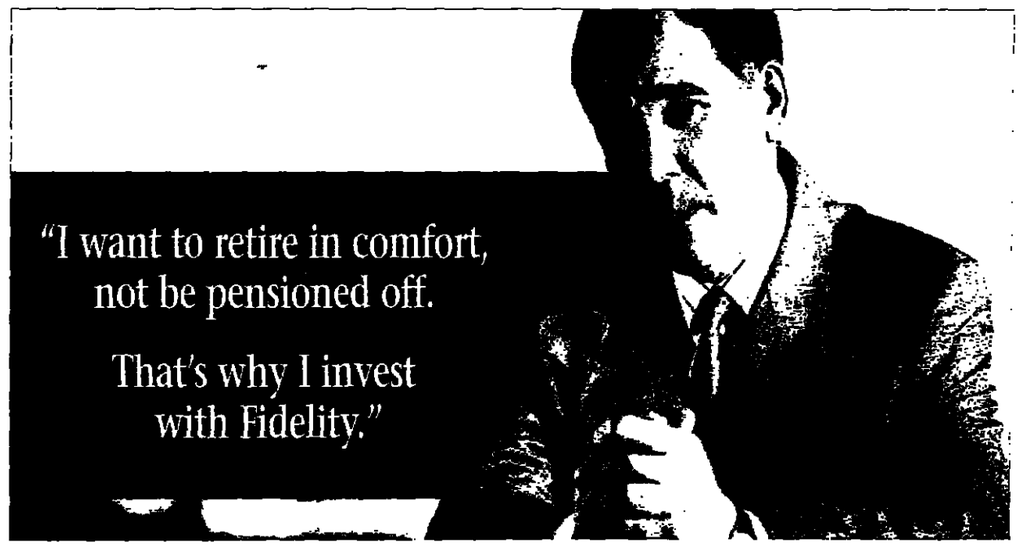
There are differences, to be sure. In 1987, the excess of bond yields over equity yields reached an all-time record; now it looks fairly normal, thanks to the bond market boom. On the other hand, there was no recession in 1987, but it already looks likely that US GDP fell in the second quarter and could well fall again in the third. Even if this is followed by a bounce, that meets the official definition of a recession. But a bounce is not guaranteed, though most Americans still expect it. Export growth is constrained by austerity in some important Latin American markets. The investment boom will surely slow if sales stagnate, and the federal spending squeeze looks real.

This is not an encouraging outlook. Profits have been growing astonishingly; but now even the consensus (which I regard as optimistic) looks only for a further 5 per cent increase. So why are stock prices setting new records most days? Mainly because of a sharp change in the pattern of financial flows. Until the Mexican crisis, US investors were looking increasingly overseas, and especially to the emerging markets, for opportunity. But now US investors have turned home for safety, while companies export plant and jobs, at the expense of US workers. Meanwhile, the $50 billion of American aid for Mexico is promptly recycled in debt repayment, and so stays in Wall Street. Add it all up, and you have a weak economy, a weak dollar, but a strong stock market.

Cash-driven markets like this may have different causes, but they share one characteristic: they overshoot. This buying climax is strictly speculative: prices rise because they are rising. This can be a period of maximum opportunity for investors, but it is also a time of maximum risk: any surprise can lead to second thoughts; this time it will probably be good news about growth, and thus bad news about interest rates. The correction, when it does come, will be sudden and sharp, as it was in 1987. Only the most cautious will want to bale out at this stage; but it is not perhaps too early for a programme of judicious profit-taking on your US holdings.

As Wall Street goes, so go world markets; so all this implies some caution about your British holdings, too. But don't overdo it. The main reason could hardly be simpler: Wall Street prices now look stretched in relation to underlying values, but London prices remain undemanding. The prospective dividend yield is the highest for any major market; and even if you discount this as caused by excessive profit distribution, the prospective p/e ratio, projected at 12.5 on an international consensus estimate cited by Charterhouse, looks modest.

The economic outlook appears better here than in the US, for while its fiscal squeeze is only beginning, Britain's may soon start to relax. London stock prices reflect the expectation of slow growth this year, but they do not yet discount a 1996 recovery. And as time passes, foreign investors will surely begin to appreciate the attraction of London stocks, and indeed bonds. They have been understandably cautious in the light of sterling's weakness, of Britain's economic past and of its likely political future; but both we and new Labour deserve better. Which is more than you can say for any other market which springs to mind.



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Helen Pridham says take care when buying permanent health cover

Warning: policies can damage your health

The tragic accident suffered recently by Christopher Reeve, the American actor, has illustrated graphically how disability can strike anyone at any time. It also shows the devastating effect it can have on someone's career and financial future.

Not all disabilities, though, are as clear-cut in how they affect work ability — at least not as far as the insurance companies that provide permanent health insurance, or income protection cover, are concerned. This can sometimes make claiming benefits difficult as some readers such as Anthony Sareen, a former dentist, have found.

Mr Sareen developed "the dental equivalent of repetitive strain injury" in 1988 and was granted ill-health early retirement by his employers. "They considered me permanently unfit for my job," he said.

But his insurance company has proved more difficult to convince of his continuing disability. Though his claim for benefits was accepted, payments stopped after 18 months over misunderstandings about a medical report. Only after resort to the Insurance Ombudsman did Mr Sareen get them reinstated. Even so, he said, the company "persists in trying to find me capable".

Another reader, who divided his time between two occupations but became disabled in one and was granted ill-health retirement, is aggrieved that his insurance company has turned down his claim for a proportionate benefit. The Insurance Ombudsman has received a rising tide of complaints about permanent health insurance policies in recent years. In 1991 only 18 cases were dealt with, a year later the number rose to 91. By 1994 it had reached 192, with the Ombudsman deciding for policyholders in one out of three. At present, many insurance companies extol the virtues of taking out income-protection policies to provide financial security in the event of long-term incapacity. Recent cutbacks in state sickness benefits have added greater relevance to their message.

But policyholders may find cover is not as extensive as they hoped. The most generous policies are those that allow you to claim if your incapacity means you are unable to perform your "own occupation". Some companies, though, add a rider stating that you must also be incapable of carrying out any other occupation for which you are "suited by education or training" before they will pay benefits. But the most onerous are those that require you to be incapable of "any occupation". Though there are no precise figures for the number of claims that are turned down, Karen Lloyd, claims manager at Swiss Re, the reinsurer, estimated it is in the region of 5 per cent to 10 per cent. "The two most common reasons for turning down claims are because of non-disclosure of a complaint already suffered, or because their incapacity does not meet the insurer's definition," she said. Even companies with the broad "own occupation" definition do not always pay out. A situation that is particularly galling for policyholders is where they are granted ill-health early retirement but their insurance claim is then turned down on the ground that they are still capable of performing their occupation. The explanation, said Ms Lloyd, is that the criteria used by employers and pension schemes to determine whether someone should be given ill-health early retirement are different from those used by insurers to ascertain whether someone is capable of doing their job. Policyholders find this difficult to accept.

"Insurers are coming up against this situation more and more," Ms Lloyd said. "The problem is that a minor illness is often used as an excuse to allow someone to retire early particularly where employers are looking to shed jobs, or make everyone 100 per cent productive. In the insurer's view, though, such an illness does not necessarily make a person totally incapable of doing their job." Where someone has more than one job, insurers normally say you must be incapable of both before they will pay out.

Even if a claim is accepted, an insurance company will be keen to see a policyholder return to work if his or her condition improves. Regular medical evidence is often required, to see if a change has occurred. Mr Sareen said: "Insurance companies seem to have no objective criteria as to what constitutes incapacity. Doctors who examined me frequently had no expert knowledge of dentistry and I am not allowed to see their reports."

Andrew Chapman, of Medical Sickness, Mr Sareen's insurer, explained: "It is prudent business practice for permanent health insurers to monitor the medical condition of claimants. The nature and frequency of such checks will depend on the type of incapacity.

"We do not feel it would be appropriate to have strict criteria about what constitutes incapacity. No illness is exactly like another and if we did have black and white rules we believe that we would end up rejecting more claims than we do at present."

How to pay your bills if sickness strikes

The Times of May 27

TAX ON PHI BENEFITS

A COMPLAINT from a Scottish reader directed against the Government rather than insurance companies is that permanent health benefits are taxed. He argues that if mortgage protection policyholders are to be spared paying tax, so should recipients of permanent health benefits. Currently, benefits are tax free for the first year and after that tax is deducted at source. The Association of British Insurers, which is discussing this issue with the Inland Revenue, said: "We are arguing that it is an anomaly that PHI benefits should be treated differently to mortgage protection benefits."

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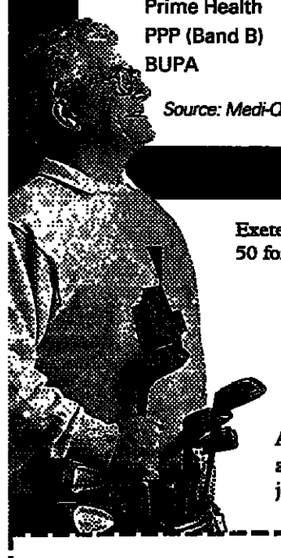
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Will the SIB watchdog learn to bite?



ANNE ASHWORTH
Personal Finance Editor

A question that has, for some time, been preoccupying Whitehall should now also be posed by everyone with a pension, or any other type of investment: what function does the Securities and Investments Board serve?

The SIB (or Sib, to give the organisation its appropriately ineffective sounding acronym) is the chief investment watchdog. But, recently, it has been proving itself to be more of an expensively turned-out poodle than a dobermann. The SIB is handsomely housed, produces reams of reports, resplendent with sub-clauses, but its voice is increasingly an irritating yap. Worse yet, the organisation is failing in one of its most important functions.

A prime requirement of an investor protection body is to run a compensation scheme for those who have been defrauded, or badly advised. But, not for the first time, the SIB seems less than devoted to this duty, a big justification for its high-priced existence (budgeted to cost £21.7 million in 1995-96, most of it funded indirectly by investors).

As revealed in *The Times*, the Investors Compensation Scheme (ICS), seldom in its seven-year history a stranger to crisis, is close to running out of cash. Unless the SIB can find a way out of this latest fiasco, emergency legislation may have to be rushed through Parliament to bail out the scheme. At stake is the recompense due to those who relied on the complex regulatory system, presided over by the SIB.

Behind the troubles at the ICS lie problems at a junior watchdog body, the Personal Investment Authority. The PIA was expected to pay its £15.8 million contribution to the ICS, but has been forced to postpone its levy of members by a legal challenge from a member, Sun Life.

Supported, so it is said, by other big insurers, Sun Life believes that it should not have to pay for the mistakes of financial advisers. Whatever the rights and wrongs of this argument, the SIB should never have allowed the situation to deteriorate to this extent. But perhaps it does not realise that the court action is as much about a loss of faith in the SIB as money.

If he values his job, Andrew Large, chairman of the SIB must now resolve the situation. Or consider his future.

Guilt-edged

SUDDENLY this week people have started to wake up to what the proposed reform to the taxation of gilts and corporate bonds mean. Or don't mean, depending on your interpretation of the Revenue's obscure pronouncements on the subject.

Various aspects of the measures, under which gilts profits would be taxed as income, remain unclear, although, alarmingly, they could come into force within weeks. Some of the most pressing questions, those relating to corporate bond Peps, suggest that government departments are not on speaking terms. For example, on Thursday, the Treasury gave these new-style Peps the formal go-ahead. However, the Revenue has yet to clarify its complex stratagem to rescue them from the threat of double taxation which would reduce their returns, leaving them with little to attract investors.

Some fund managers have confidence in the taxman's ingenuity and are continuing with their launches. Others are less sanguine. The result may be that Kenneth Clarke's grand investment idea of the last Budget will have a less than auspicious start. For which he can blame the Inland Revenue.

Paying to care for the elderly

Liz Dolan reports on proposals for compulsory contributions to fund the needs of old people

A compulsory scheme to finance the long-term care of elderly people, funded by contributions from employers and members of the workforce, was proposed this week by Help the Aged.

The suggestion arises from the findings of a new report, *Coming Clean on Costs*, published by the charity on Wednesday. Martin Kohler, the report's author, suggests using as a model a scheme set up in Germany this year under which employees and employers pay an extra 1 per cent on eligible earnings, rising to a maximum monthly contribution equivalent to about £24.

The report bears out earlier findings that thousands of elderly people are already having to go without essential care in the UK because the NHS and local authorities have insufficient funds to meet their needs.

There are currently more than nine million over-65s in Britain. By 2021, this figure is expected to have risen to nearly 12 million, of which more than 5.5 million will be over 75. At the moment, an estimated one in eight over-75s require formal institutional care. Conservatives argue that pensioners are getting wealthier and more can afford to pay their own way, the report says. But three out of every four pensioners still pay no income tax and health and care needs are greatest among people already suffering substantial hardship.

"The nation cannot afford to ignore this vital issue any longer," Mr Kohler says. "It has been side-stepped by all political parties, with none having clear goals on providing for old age. The consequences of continued inaction are unthinkable."

Help the Aged wants written responses to the report from interested individuals or groups by August 31. The results will then be discussed at a seminar in September.

Also this week, Age Concern England released a survey showing that more than four in five local authorities rarely, or never, made use of existing powers to reduce financial hardship suffered by people whose partners move into residential or nursing homes.

The problem normally arises when the husband moves into a home and has to contribute a large part of his occupational pension towards the fees. Local authorities have the option of boosting his personal allowance (normally £13.35 a week) so that he has more money left over to support his wife at home. But, according to the survey, nearly half of the councils who responded said they never increased personal expenses allowances and nearly two in five said that they had done so on very few occasions.

Age Concern wants the Pensions Bill amended to allow the spouse at home the right to half of the partner's occupational pension.



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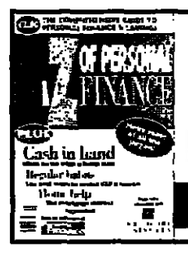
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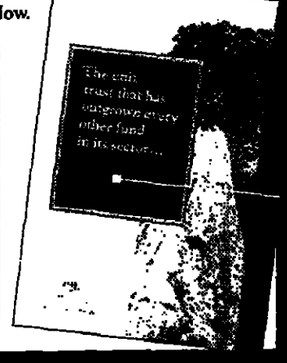
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About £20 billion is invested in Tessas, but will savers queue to keep money in them when Tessa II is launched?

To Tessa — a daughter

Investors of maturing accounts will be tempted with special offers to persuade them to reinvest, **Christine Buckley** says

If your tax exempt special savings account (Tessa) matures at the start of next year you can expect to be bombarded with offers of loyalty bonuses and higher interest rates from now on as banks and building societies begin the fight to keep existing customers and tempt new ones in. Rates could rise by up to 2 per cent, banks and societies predict.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, announced in his Budget last November that savers would be allowed to roll over the capital, but not the interest, from mature Tessas into new accounts.

Anyone who has saved the maximum each year for five years will have £9,000 of capital when their Tessa matures. It is difficult to calculate how much money will be unlocked in January, and in the months after that, but industry estimates put the amount of money in Tessas at about £20 billion.

Most of the take-up for the scheme occurred in the months immediately after its launch. The Halifax Building Society, which estimates that it has about 750,000 Tessa accounts, says that 500,000 were started in 1991.

Ian Lindsay, director of banking at Save & Prosper, whose new Tessa guarantees a fixed rate for the five-year term of the account, believes the competition in the run-up to the first maturities will be intense. "The competition to keep customers and attract new ones will be fierce and obviously rates are going to rise," he says.

You have six months from when your Tessa matures to reinvest the capital. It will be a buyer's market. Your bank or building society will be desperate to keep you from taking your money down the high street, but after five years you will be able to compare its past performance with that of its rivals. Did your building society start off paying generous rates to attract customers then promptly drop them and keep them low when the money was safely invested? If so, what is to stop it doing the same again with Tessa II?

The Halifax says: "Customers will be able to judge on the track record of their Tessas, and consistency will be a very important consideration. Customers know what they want far more than they did the first time round."

The Halifax is not revealing what it may offer customers but says that it will contact them in the late autumn.

Although rates will clearly be the key to maintaining Tessa customers and attracting new ones (far more so than other lures, such as the reduction of penalty clauses that, at present, can restrict Tessa transference quite considerably), Tessa providers may well look at bolting on other benefits.

There are likely to be a number of loyalty programmes with higher rates offered to customers who maintain Tessas with one bank, building society or financial services company. More fixed-rate Tessas will probably be on offer, guaranteeing a rate for the whole of the five-year term. But while such schemes may seem attractive now, they may not if interest rates rise after a general election, for example.

Chris Marley, senior marketing officer at Sun Banking Corporation, which offers a fixed-rate Tessa over five years at 8 per cent, albeit with the conditions of a high minimum investment and fairly punitive clauses for transference, says that his bank is starting to gear up for the Tessa fight.

Sun Banking, owned by Sun Life of Canada, will see investors' money released earlier than January for those who took out early Tessas as it offered feeder accounts that began before the launch of the scheme and fed money through to Tessas. Those feeder accounts will mature towards the end of the year. "It will be a very intense time as the maturities start occurring. There will be a lot of activity because such a lot of money will be there as an investment opportunity."

Most Tessa providers are looking at the period to stir up extra interest in the schemes for those not already holding one. In spite of the tax effectiveness of Tessas, it has been calculated that about only 17 per cent of taxpayers hold one.

David Graham, head of marketing at Scottish Widows, believes the culture of savings is changing and is increasingly favouring schemes such as Tessas.

"People are becoming totally risk-averse. Many of those who took out Peps and then took the hit from them don't want to repeat the experience. Tessas offer a short-term safe haven for investors," he says.

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Anne Ashworth reports on a disturbing scheme to tax gains from gilt-edged bonds

Taking the gingerbread off the gilt

A furore now surrounds proposed reforms to the taxation of government gilt-edged stocks, which may become law by next month.

Although ministers argue that the intention of the changes is to simplify the gilt market, thousands of those with money in apparently unconnected investments, such as guaranteed income bonds, may see their rates of return reduced. The proposals are certain to raise many questions among investors.

Who will be affected by the proposed changes? The rule change would apply to gilts and also to profits from other types of fixed interest stocks, such as the various species of corporate bonds and building society permanent interest bearing shares (Pibs). Investment trust zero dividend preference shares (zeros) would also be brought within the income tax net.

It has been rumoured that private individuals with gilt or bond holdings of less than £20,000 might escape the new tax. But this has not been confirmed.

The change would also affect savers who put some of their money into insurance company guaranteed schemes, such as guaranteed income bonds and guaranteed growth bonds which offer a fixed rate of return. Since the November 1994 Budget many of these bonds have relied on gilt options and gilt futures for their return.

Indirectly affected will be insurance company shareholders and with-profit policyholders who will be dismayed to learn that they may have to meet the bill for any tax liability on guaranteed bonds.

What are the objections to taxing gilts? Dawn Nicholson, private client partner at the accountancy firm Ernst & Young, argues that the consultation period, a mere five weeks ending on June 30, is far too brief for such wide-reaching measures. She says: "It is unfair to do away at such short notice with a tax regime on which individuals have based their long-term investment planning, and replace it with another, distinctly unfavourable, set of rules."

Philip Williams, director of Cantrade Investment Management, a part of the Union Bank of Switzerland Group, agrees with this view. He also points out that a number of recent gilt-edged stock issues have been specifically aimed at private investors.

Gerry Budd, head of the insurance group Winterthur, a specialist in guaranteed products, says: "The measure is draconian. The Government is turning a tax-free gain into an income tax liability."

If they become law, will the measures be applied retrospectively? This remains unclear. The Inland Revenue is considering representations from accountants and others who would like to see gilts and bonds revalued at the date the changes came into force. This would mean that anyone who had held large amounts of stocks for a number of years would not face a tax bill based on the value at the time of purchase, but at the start date for the legislation.

What are the implications for corporate bond Peps? Some unit trust groups planning to launch these new-style Peps investing in corporate bonds argue that they will find it difficult to proceed unless the rules are made clear. The Inland Revenue has said that there will be no double taxation — on the fund and the investor. But the procedures it has outlined to avoid this are very complicated. Autif, the unit trust trade body, is pressing the Government for clarification. It wants unit trusts to be exempt from any new rules.

So have gilt prices already been hit? Prices of gilts with low "coupons" (lower rates of interest) have already fallen. These stocks have traditionally been popular with investors uninterested in income, who held the stocks until their maturity for a tax-free gain.

What action should I take? Cantrade's Mr Williams suggests that anyone with index-linked gilts should sell before the end of June and take a tax-free capital gain now to avoid tax later. He explains: "Investors should reinvest the cash into another index-linked stock. The tax treatment of index-linked stocks will still be relatively favourable because, as we understand it, the inflation-linked part of the return will still be tax-free."

Mr Williams continues: "In the future, private clients might be attracted to higher coupon gilts which will provide them with a good return. As these stocks are currently standing at prices above their redemption values at maturity, investors will make a loss which will be allowable against tax."

Are insurance companies fighting back? Seeing that the Government appears unlikely to be diverted from its path, several insurance companies have sought counsel's opinion on schemes designed to avoid the liability. The arrangement is based on selling the guaranteed scheme to an investment bank until the maturity date of the bond. As the bank pays over only the money for the scheme at the maturity date, the scheme is off the insurer's books, so no tax is charged.

What does this mean for returns on existing guaranteed schemes? So far, no company has declared that it will refuse to honour the guarantees given to existing investors. But some, like Save & Prosper, will not comment on their intentions until they have seen the legislation. Winterthur is almost alone in the industry in reserving the right to pass any tax liability on to investors, a detail made clear in the terms of its bond. It is allowing those who have already put money into its guaranteed growth bond (which remains on sale) to cancel.

General Accident and Scottish Widows, the largest players in the guaranteed income bond market, are to honour their obligations. Since November they have sold more than £600 million of guaranteed products.

Some companies were prescient enough to see that tax changes were in the offing. Martin Ely, market manager at Eagle Star says: "We took the decision not to enter the market three weeks before the proposals were announced."

If the law changes, which companies will continue to offer bonds? Insurers with an "excess E" position, that is, those with expenses greater than their income, should stay in the market, as they have more potential to minimise their tax liability. Most excess E companies are new, fast-growing businesses. But Abbey Life is included in the category and intends to remain a large provider of guaranteed schemes.

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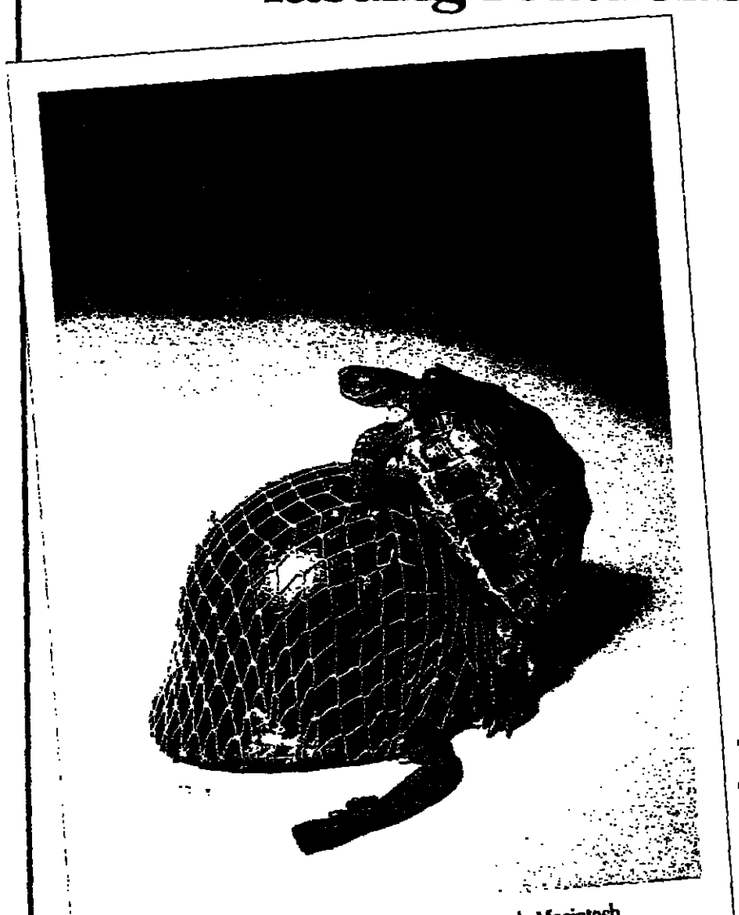
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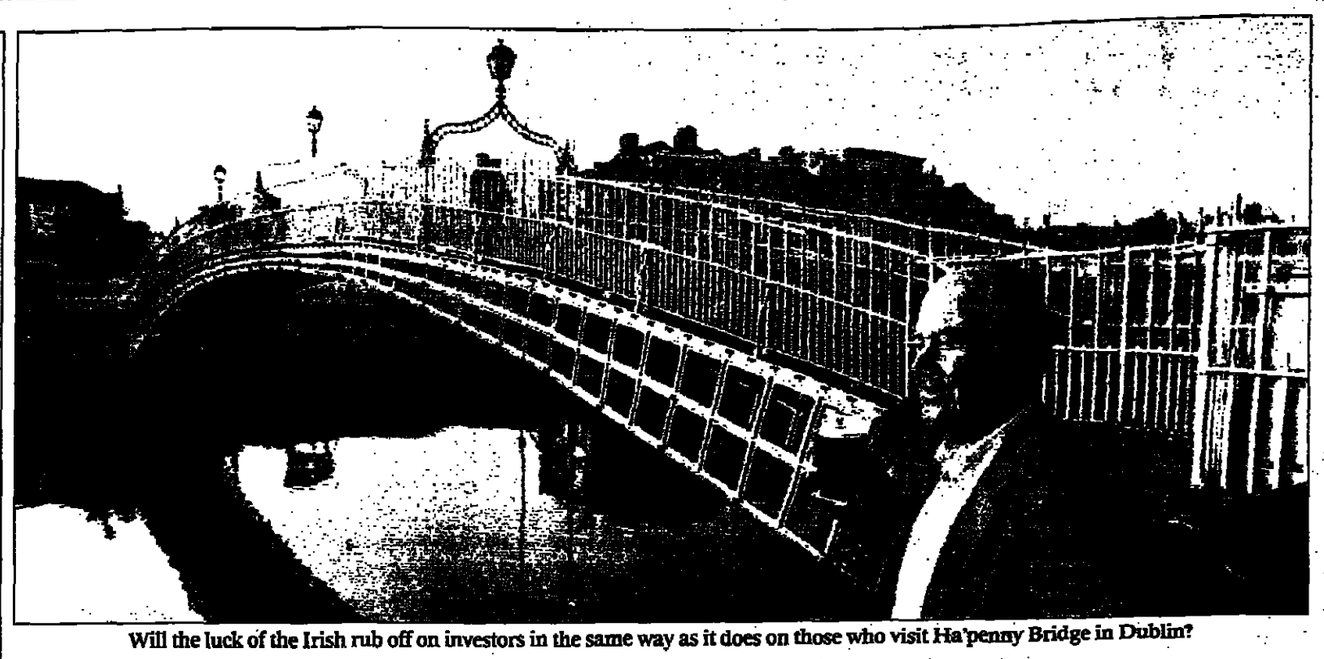
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Sector average	103.24		147.40

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Fidelity European Values	111.83	French Property	170.67
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Sector average	106.24		149.76

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Will the luck of the Irish rub off on investors in the same way as it does on those who visit Ha'penny Bridge in Dublin?

When Irish eyes are smiling

Investors minded to put their money into Europe need look no further than the Irish Republic. With plans to demerge the Dublin stock exchange from London this year, and the effects of the ceasefire reflected in increased tourism both sides of the border, 1995 looks like being the year when the Irish Republic becomes a mature investment prospect in its own right. Leading investment managers, such as NatWest and Scottish Amicable, certainly think so, and Allied Irish Bank has proved the case already.

This month, shares in the new £22 million NatWest Irish Smaller Companies Investment Trust began trading at a modest premium. Most of the money was raised from City institutions, but Gervais Williams, the trust's manager, says: "We are now looking to launch a low-cost dealing facility as well as a regular savings scheme for private investors."

Successive Irish governments have provided economic and tax incentives to boost the country's investment image. Hollywood movie moguls have been enticed into making films there and individuals, including Damon Hill, Britain's leading grand prix driver, have taken up residence. The Dublin International Financial Services Centre has also proved a big attraction to UK investment houses. Today, Scottish Amicable's European arm will announce that it is to launch a new Building Society Bond from its Dublin base.

Mr Williams says that the NatWest trust is looking to invest in about 30 to 35 companies, predominantly in the South, but some from Northern Ireland as well. He excludes the top ten companies listed in Dublin, which leaves 70 to choose from. He adds: "Ireland has a young well-educated labour workforce. It is also receiving a lot of money from EU grants to invest in the infrastructure. The reason that Ireland has not been considered as a separate investment market in its own right is that it has not been seen as part of Europe and was considered to be inextricably linked to the London market."

The Irish Republic's economic statistics also look good. Low inflation is forecast, with consumer prices expected to grow 2.8 per cent this year, compared with 3.3 per cent in the UK and 3 per cent in the European Union in general. Growth as a whole is estimated at 6.5 per cent in 1995, compared with 3.7 per cent in the UK and 3.3 per cent for Western Europe.

Fred Fulcher, a fund manager at Allied Irish Bank whose £40 million First Ireland investment trust tops the Micropal performance tables over the past year with a return of 15 per cent, says many investors are now looking at the Irish market as a relatively low-risk alternative to investing in the UK.

Tokyo aims to smooth bumpy ride

EARLY this week, Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 average index hit a near three-year low. It staged a modest recovery on Wednesday and Thursday before slipping back again to end the week at 14,703.17, a far cry from this year's high at the start of 1995 of 19,723.06.

Investors must now wonder whether the Nikkei has further to fall. The authorities think it might. On Thursday, the Government announced it was to bring forward its economic stimulus plan from the autumn to July to stave off a second recession. In April, the Government introduced measures worth almost £25 billion. Analysts say this was not enough and it did not curb Japan's trade surplus which is strengthening the yen. In May, the surplus rose 7.1 per cent compared with a year ago to $7 billion. Crunch time could come next week after the G7 meeting of finance ministers and the resumption of US-Japanese talks aimed at averting the proposed American trade embargo. Investors must expect a bumpy ride.

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Bradford and Bingley launch credit card

They knew they were likely suspects. After all, if your name is Mr Bradford or Mr Bingley and you work for the Bradford & Bingley Building Society your chances of getting roped into an advertising campaign are extremely high. Apart from anything else, it saves a fortune in actors' fees.

Now it has happened. The B&B's campaign for its first credit cards will feature John Bradford and Martin Bingley, who have notched up 47 years between them at the society, in star roles. The society insists the two were "very keen" to be involved and that they "saw the funny side". Of course they did. They are only pretending to look embarrassed in the publicity photographs. And the Marks & Spencer vouchers they were given made up for any inward cringing at being photographed waving a bowler hat in the air. So far, they have been spared the prospect of television appearances.

Mr Bradford and Mr Bingley are launching a range of Visa and Mastercard credit cards. None of them has an annual fee. If you do not pay off your balance in full at the end of the month, interest is charged at 18.5 per cent. This compares quite well with most competitors. For example, Barclaycard, the largest issuer, charges interest at 22.9 per cent on goods and 24.8 per cent for cash advances, as well as levying a fee of £10. But Royal Bank of Scotland is significantly cheaper, charging 14.5 per cent for goods and cash advances and no annual fee.

SARA MCCONNELL

Higher fines on smugglers

Caroline Merrell and Ian Hunter on the changes planned by Customs

Some of the 4,000 people a year caught by Customs and Excise bringing goods into the United Kingdom without paying the requisite amount of duty can expect heavier fines from next year, under new proposals.

Customs and Excise is planning to decriminalise many minor smuggling offences, which means that, instead of criminal prosecution, many minor offences will come under civil law and be punishable by a fine. It is expected that fines of up to £10,000 could be imposed for certain rule breaches.

At present, any visitor to the UK can bring in a certain amount of alcohol and tobacco without having to pay excise duty. The limits on alcohol are two litres of still wine, a litre of spirits or two litres of fortified wine, or a further four bottles of still wine. Smokers can bring in 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars or 250 grams of tobacco. Overall, travellers returning from countries in the European Union can bring back up to £71 worth of goods purchased in duty-free outlets.

In addition, they do not have to pay any more duty on goods bought in other shops. There are limits on the amount of alcoholic beverages that can be brought in through this method. Drinkers can bring in 110 litres of beer, 20 litres of fortified wine and 90 litres of still wine. These purchases will be subject to local taxes and will usually be more expensive than if bought from a duty-free shop.

Those returning from non-European Union countries can bring back goods worth up to £136, bought from a duty-free outlet or elsewhere. Anything above that is subject to duty of between 4 and 24 per cent. Anyone taking advantage of a New York shopping trip to buy relatively cheap clothes and hi-fi goods should bear that limit in mind.

If you are caught bringing back goods that are worth more than £136 or £71, you will have to pay excise on the entire purchase on the spot, not just on the amount that you are over the limit.

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THE TIMES WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS

Let pension plans provide solution to negative equity

From the Rev Roy C. Allison
Sir, It is interesting to note that the reported solutions offered by "experts" ("Tax breaks get negative reception", June 10) to ameliorate the negative equity problem have the effect of benefiting the profession proposing the suggestion, eg, the building societies and estate agents wanting increased tax relief for first-time buyers to kick-start the housing market.

Surely instead of focusing on the housing market generally, help should be directed at those in need.

Who are they? Not everyone with negative equity has an immediate problem. As with company shares, it is merely a "paper loss" until the investment (in this case a property) is sold.

Therefore those requiring help are:
☐ those who need to sell and purchase another property, but find they cannot transfer negative equity
☐ those who are threatened with repossession because of arrears.

What such householders need is a lump sum (an average of £5000, according to *The Times*) to put them on an even keel. If this were to be found by the Government (by tax relief or some other means), it would be grossly unfair on other taxpayers.

There is another solution. Many people with mortgages also have a pension fund, either by way of personal pension or occupational pension. If a sum equivalent to the amount of negative equity could be borrowed (at no interest) from their own pension fund, this would:
☐ enable them to sell and move;
☐ reinvigorate the housing market
☐ be at no cost to the Exchequer
☐ be completely fair because it would be at the expense of the homeowner.

The homeowner could pay back the loan later: with interest if desired to restore the original pension. Or he/she could take a reduced pension. This facility would also enhance the advantages of having such a pension (to the benefit of pension providers), for there would be extra reason for having a pension.

Although this facility to borrow from one's pension fund would not help everyone with negative equity, I submit it would help the vast majority.

Yours sincerely,
ROY C. ALLISON,
Coombe Cross Bungalow,
Dittisham,
Dartmouth, Devon.

Paid-up policy is no surrender

From Mr S.P.L. Kennedy
Sir, Anne Ashworth overlooks a valuable option in place of surrendering an endowment policy. Provided premiums have been paid for a minimum period, usually two years, the policy may be "paid up". No further premiums will then be payable and the sum assured will be reduced, in most cases in the proportion of the premiums already paid to those payable over the whole term of the policy. Furthermore, it is common practice for existing bonuses to remain added to the policy and for the policy to continue to share in future bonuses (although a longer period in force may be required for this benefit).

An endowment policy is a means of repaying all or part of the mortgage and a "paid up" policy can, of course, be used as such.

Yours faithfully
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A case of giving till it hurts

From Mr T.P. Goodman
Sir, My wife and I hold a small variety of unit trust shares in trust for each of our four children.

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Our children are now of age, and we wrote to the unit trusts requesting that the shares be transferred into our children's own names.

A simple procedure one might think. One would be wrong.

Each small allotment of shares requires an individual stock transfer form to be filled in. A few dozen for each child — even for our most modest holdings.

Such is the complexity of the forms, particularly of the small print on the back, that we have now had them returned three times.

And there is more: each form has to be stamped at a "Stamp Office" of the Inland Revenue, at a cost of 50p.

The Inland Revenue office locally knew nothing about stock transfer forms.

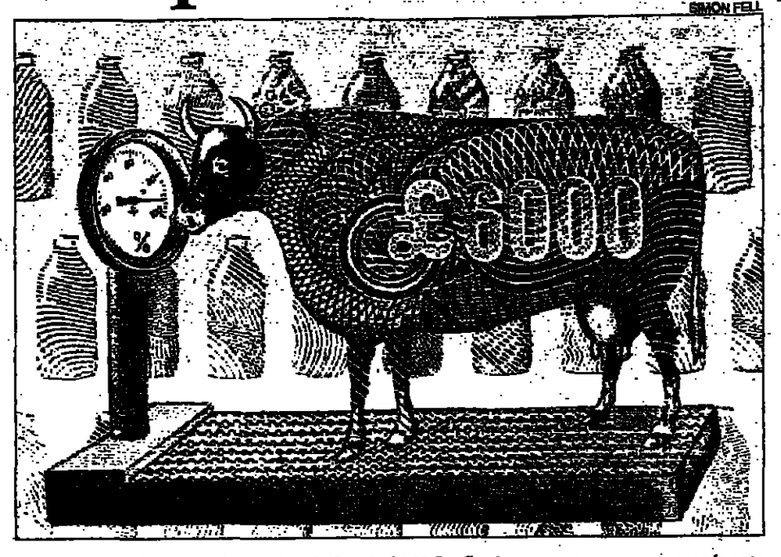
They referred us to the Customs and Excise Office. The Customs Officer was most interested in the stock transfer forms and anxious to help. He wanted to know if, "in the current sensitive climate," he could inspect the shipment "on the hoof".

We gave up, and sold all the units this morning.

Yours sincerely,
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Liz Dolan and **Caroline Merrell** report on an interrupted countdown

Tax changes cause delays for corporate bond Peps



Several fund managers are delaying the launch of corporate bond Peps until the Government finalises plans to change the taxation of gilts and bonds. Their decision comes in spite of a surprise announcement by the Government this week that regulations governing the new Peps would come into force on July 6, several weeks earlier than most observers expected.

The Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds (Autif) welcomed the Government's efforts to speed up the introduction of corporate bond Peps. It says it now expects the Inland Revenue to come to an early decision on how to circumvent any problems for Pep investors that have inadvertently arisen from proposed tax changes.

Commercial Union, Legal & General and Mercury are among those planning to delay the launch of their corporate bond Peps, until the new bond taxation regime, which proposes to tax capital gains as income, is sorted out. However, M&G, the UK's biggest Pep fund manager, intends to press ahead.

The question mark over the taxation of bonds is a further blow to the anticipated launch of these Peps. Two months ago, several Pep providers were talking of annual income payments of more than 9 per cent. But a rally in the gilts market means yields are now likely to be lower. Theodora Zernek, head of M&G's fixed-interest desk, says: "The basic bottom line is now likely to be around 8.5 per cent. Minus fees, you'll get around 7.25 per cent, or 7.5 per cent, depending on the greed of the providers."

Commercial Union which this week became the latest company to announce plans to enter the market, expects to offer 9 per cent after charges on its Monthly Income Plus unit trust when it eventually decides to press the button.

The fund invests in lower-risk areas, such as preference shares, convertibles, investment trusts and fixed-interest securities. "It's been a consistently high performer so, all things being equal, we expect to launch the Pepped version at that rate," a CU spokesman said.

Like Barclays and M&G, CU deducts charges from income, not capital. The company says: "We firmly believe that charges should be deducted from income, particularly on this type of product, where it is important to guard against erosion of capital."

The initial charge is 4 per cent, with a further 1.5 per cent deducted annually.

Barclays Unicorn's Income Manager Pep currently offers 8.5 per cent after charges. Anyone investing up to early August will be able to take advantage of the fund's next dividend distribution, due on August 16. Upfront charges are 3.25 per cent; annual charges are 0.75 per cent.

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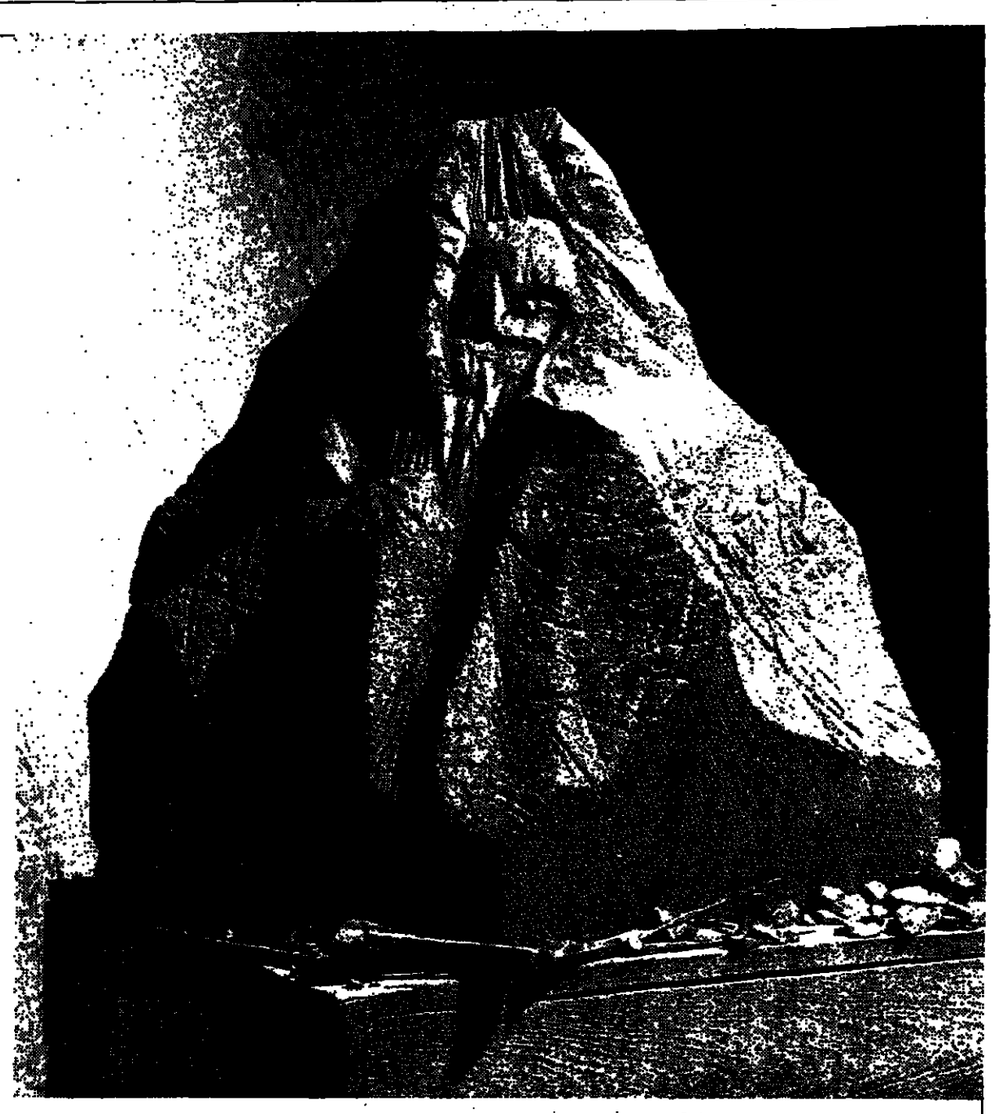
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Northern Rock BS 0500 505000	Go Direct	Instant	£20,000	6.75	Yly

FIXED RATES	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Sun Banking Corp 01438 744500	*Investmnt Certs*	*1yr bond*	£1,000	7.20	OM
Woolwich BS 0800 400900	Fixed Rate Bond	2yr bond	£500	7.50	F/Yly
First National BS 01232 314050	Windfall Fund	3yr bond	£1,000	8.00	F/Yly
First National BS 01232 314050	Windfall Fund	4yr bond	£1,000	8.50	F/Yly

NOTICE ACCOUNTS AND BONDS	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Manchester BS 0161 834 9465	Bonus 30	30 day	£500	6.00	Yly
Coventry BS 0345 665522	Postal 50	50 dayp	£10,000	7.05	Yly
Northern Rock BS 0500 505000	*Postal 90*	*90 dayp*	£10,000	7.30	Yly
Halifax BS 01422 333333	Special Rsrv	1 yr bnd	£10,000	7.50	OM

CREDIT CARDS BEST BUYS

CREDIT CARDS	Card type	Interest per month	APR%	Fee per annum
Robert Fleming S&P 0800 282101	MasterCard/Visa	1.00%	14.60%	£12
Royal Bank of Scotland 0800 161616	*MasterCard*	*1.14%*	14.50%	Nil C
Alliance & Leicester 0500 900250	Visa	1.375%	18.90%	£10 E

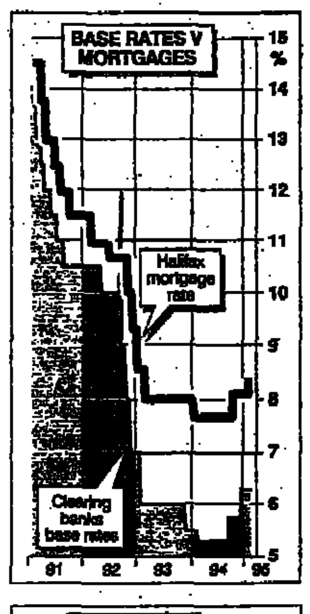
PERSONAL LOANS BEST BUYS

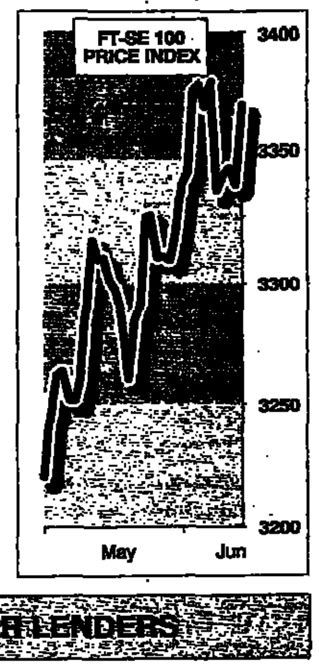
PERSONAL LOANS	APR	Monthly payment on £3,000 for 3yrs with insurance	no insurance
Clydesdale Bank 0800 240024	16.20%	£113.94	£103.33
Midland 0800 180180	15.40%	£116.54	£103.14
N&P BS 0800 808080	15.50%	£118.22	£103.29
Yorkshire Bank 0113 231 5324	15.50%	£119.34	£103.34

Nb. A - Feeder account required. In the interest paid columns, C = no interest free period D = annual fee rebated £1.5K+ charged per annum E = Annual fee waived for 1st year for new accounts F = fixed rate (all other rates are variable); OM denotes interest paid on maturity

* RATES SHOWN ARE GROSS AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE
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Source: MoneyFacts, the Monthly Guide to Investment & Mortgage Rates (01692 500 677)





NATIONAL SAVINGS

	Gross rate	At tax rates 25%	40%	Min/maximum investment £	Notice	Contact
Ordinary A/c¹	2.00	1.50	1.20	10-10,000		01416494555
Investment A/c* ₑ	5.25	3.94	3.15	20-499	1mth	01416494555
Income Bond* ₑ	6.50	4.88	3.90	2,000-24,999	3mth	01253766151
First Opt Bond ₑ	6.40	4.80	3.84	1,000-250,000		01416362558
42nd Issue Cert†	5.85			100-10,000	8day	01913864900
Children's Bond†	7.85			25-1,000	1mth	01416362635
Gen Ext Rate	3.51					
Capital Bond ₑ	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-250,000	8day	01416362603
8th Index Linked†	3.00			100-10,000	8day	01913864900
Pensnrs Bond S2 ₑ	7.50	5.63	4.50	500-20,000	60day	01253766151

*¹ first £70 (£140 jt) of int tax free, inst accs for up to £100 ² Additional hldgs up to £20,000 for reinvested proceeds †Tax free *Rates gross and vble ₑGuaranteed when held for 5 years °0.3% net bonus for £20,000+ ¥£40,000 jt in addition to S1 holdings *Taxable but cred in full.*

PENSION ANNUITIES

All figures are the gross annual annuity (£100,000 purchase), guaranteed 5 years, paid monthly in advance

SINGLE LIFE (level ann)	Male: Age 60	Age 65	Age 70
Sn Lfe Ca ....Level	£10,182	£11,226	£12,599
Stndrd Lfe ....Level	£10,136	£11,204	£12,584
Royal Lfe ....Level	£10,047	£11,183	£12,723
Canada Lfe ....Level	£10,166	£11,332	£12,912
Generali ....Level	£10,285	£11,310	£12,647

SINGLE LIFE	Female: Age 60	Age 65	Age 70
Canada Life ....Level	£9,340	£10,176	£11,403
Royal Life ....Level	£9,313	£10,149	£11,380
Sn Lfe Ca ....Level	£9,289	£10,071	£11,171
Generali ....Level	£9,394	£10,236	£11,404
Stndrd Lfe ....Level	£9,128	£9,944	£11,072

JOINT LIFE, 2/3 WIDOWS (level annuity)	Male: Age 60 / Female: Age 55	Age 65 / Age 60	Age 70 / Age 65
Royal Life ....Level	£8,860	£9,496	£10,413
Canada Life ....Level	£8,927	£9,583	£10,514
Equitble Lfe........Level	£8,853	£9,374	£10,093
Sn Lfe Ca ....Level	£8,908	£9,515	£10,347
Generali ....Level	£9,005	£9,621	£10,473

Source: Annuity Direct (0171 375 1175)

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GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS

ANNUAL INCOME
Rates as at June 14 1995

	Investment (£)	Company	Standard Rate (%)
1 Year			
	1,000	Premium Life	3.50
	5,000	AIG Life	5.35
	50,000	AIG Life	5.50
	100,000	AIG Life	5.55
2 Years			
	3,000	Gan Life	4.40
	5,000	AIG Life	6.00
	50,000	AIG Life	6.05
	100,000	AIG Life	6.01
3 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	5.10
	5,000	AIG Life	6.05
	20,000	AIG Life	6.15
	50,000	AIG Life	6.20
4 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	5.60
	5,000	Financl Asrnce	6.05
	20,000	Financl Asrnce	6.10
	50,000	Financl Asrnce	6.15
5 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	5.90
	3,000	Lincoln Ntnl	6.00
	5,000	Financl Asrnce	6.05
	7,500	Abbey Life	6.30
	15,000	Abbey Life	6.60
	50,000	Abbey Life	6.90

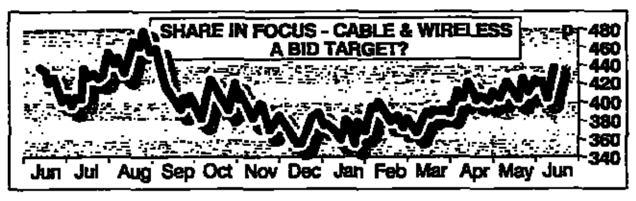
Source: Chamberlain de Broë 01225 483636. Net rates. Income and capital guaranteed. Early surrender. Terms vary. Monthly income may be available.

PIBS

FIXED RATE	Gross coupon	Buying price	% Gross yield	Issue price	Minimum purchase amount
Birmingham Midshires	9.375%	93.72	9.992	100.17	1,000
Bradford & Bingley	11.625%	116.45	9.978	100.13	10,000
Bradford & Bingley	13.000%	130.07	9.979	100.20	10,000
Bristol & West	13.375%	133.10	10.030	100.34	1,000
Britannia	13.000%	128.43	10.113	100.42	1,000
Cheltenham & Glos	11.750%	122.54	9.574	100.96	50,000
Coventry	12.125%	119.78	10.100	100.75	1,000
First National	11.750%	108.70	10.800	100.25	10,000
Halifax	8.750%	92.60	9.448	100.62	50,000
Halifax	12.000%	123.40	9.553	100.28	50,000
Leeds Permanent	13.625%	141.64	9.599	100.00	50,000
Leeds & Holbeck	13.375%	131.89	10.132	100.23	1,000
Newcastle	10.750%	106.80	10.063	100.32	1,000
Newcastle	12.625%	126.08	9.996	100.45	1,000
Northern Rock	12.625%	126.33	9.984	100.14	1,000
Skipton	12.875%	126.96	10.133	100.48	1,000

FLOATING RATE	Gross coupon	Buying price	Issue price	Minimum purchase
First National	9.6750%	101.00	100.00	1,000
Cheshire	9.50156%	103.00	100.00	1,000

PIBS = Permanent interest-bearing shares
Source ABN AMRO Hoare Govett — 0171 601 0101



LARGER LENDERS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Natnl & Provincial 0800 808085	2.95	neg	90	5.5% discount for 12 months
Britannia 0800 526350	2.95	neg	80	5.49% discount for 12 months
Northern Rock 0800 591 500	2.49	to £150k	90	6.05% discount to 1.8.96
Banks				
Abbey National Local branch	2.99	neg	75	5.35% discount to 30.6.96
Nat West 0800 400999	3.15	£15k+	75	5.20% discount for 1 year

LARGER LOANS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Scarborough 0800 590547	1.00	to £100k	95	7.45%dsc-6mnths 2%dsc-6mnths .5%dsc-12mnths
Hinckley & Rugby 0800 774499	1.25	to £150k	70	7.14% disc-9mns
Coventry 01203 555255	2.00	to £125k	95	6.4% disc to 1.6.96
Banks				
Bank of Ireland 01734 510100	0.99	£20-145k	95	7.51%dsc-6 mns 3% dsc-6 mns
Ryl Bnk of Sctlnd 0131 523 4442	1.39	£200k	95	7.34% discount for 6 months

FIRST-TIME BUYERS

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Hinckley&Rugby 0800 774499	1.25	to 150k	70	7.14% discount for 9 mnths
Brad & Bingley 0800 252 993	3.15	£30k+	75	5.30% discount for 12 mnths
Skipton 0800 446776	2.29	to £150k	95	6% disc 5 mnths 1.75% disc 1 year
Banks				
Abbey National Local branch	3.15	neg	75	5.19% discount to 30.6.96
Lloyds Local Branch	3.60	£60K+	95	4.75% for 1 year

Larger lenders, larger loans and first-time buyers tables supplied by Blay's Guides Ltd. Further information: Blay's Guides, 01753 880482.

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UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 0171 538 8800				
Balanced	476.50	504.30	+ 0.70	...
UK Equity	606.60	642.00	+ 4.10	...
Property	494.60	523.40	+ 0.60	...
Fixed Interest	326.50	345.60	- 3.40	...
Money	255.20	270.10	+ 0.20	...
International	386.70	409.30	- 3.30	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 01202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	277.20	291.80	- 0.10	...
-do- Acc	523.50	551.10	- 0.10	...
Equity Fd Inc	181.10	190.70	+ 0.90	0.0
-do- Acc	241.40	254.20	+ 1.20	0.0
Selective Fd	509.10	535.90	- 1.00	0.0
Money Fd	385.70	406.10	+ 0.40	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	407.80	429.30	- 0.20	...
Equity Ser 4	228.60	240.70	+ 0.80	...
Man Ser 4	674.30	709.80	- 3.60	0.0
Conv Ser 4	334.80	352.50	- 0.30	...
Money Ser 4	334.40	352.10	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	354.20	372.90	- 6.00	0.0
American Ser 4	510.50	537.40	+ 7.10	0.0
High Inc Ser 4	706.40	743.60	- 0.70	0.0
Indexed Inv Ser 4	217.80	229.30	- 2.10	0.0
Japan Ser 4	321.30	338.30	- 3.50	0.0
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 01707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	£15.89	£16.72	- 8.60	...
European Fd Acc	382.70	402.80	- 5.10	..
Fixed Int Acc	520.90	548.30	- 7.30	..
Gtd Money Acc	340.70	358.60	+ 0.30	..
Intl Managed Acc	607.90	639.90	- 6.20	..
Int Fxd Int Acc	340.60	358.50	- 3.70	..
Japan Fund	226.90	238.80	- 8.70	..
N American Acc	332.40	349.80	+ 0.90	..
Prop Fd Acc	445.90	469.30	+ 0.50	..
Multiple Inv Acc	£10.46	£11.01	- 9.10	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 01793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	380.30	400.40	+ 0.30	..
Equity Acc	£14.55	£15.31	- 4.50	...
Property Acc	589.30	620.40	+ 0.50	...
Far East Acc	300.20	316.00	- 3.90	...
Managed Capital	539.80	568.30	- 1.70	...
-do- Acc	£11.15	£11.74	- 3.50	...
Overseas Acc	987.50	£10.39	...	...
Gilt Edged Acc	495.80	521.90	- 5.80	...
Amer Equity Acc	830.70	874.50	+ 1.60	...
Amer Man Acc	351.40	369.90	+ 0.40	...
Amer Prop Acc	115.10	121.20	- 0.50	...
Distribution Bonds	24.30	25.50	- 0.20	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 01494 463463				
Reserve Ser 6	162.20	170.70	- 1.20	...
Balced Ser 6	742.60	781.60	- 2.00	...
Opportunity Ser 6	169.10	177.99	...	...
Distribution Ser 6	100.70	106.00	- 0.80	6.92
UK Equities Ser 6	£10.38	£10.93	- 1.10	...
Higher Inc Ser 6	£10.99	£11.56	- 6.00	...
North Amer Ser 6	487.90	513.50	- 6.90	...
Far East Ser 6	555.20	584.40	- 4.70	...
Europe Ser 6	395.40	416.20	- 4.70	...
Intnl Ser 6	581.80	612.40	- 2.00	...
Property Ser 6	562.20	591.70	+ 0.10	...
Fixed Int Ser 6	445.70	469.10	- 6.10	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec Se	187.00	196.80	- 1.50	...
Gteed Dep Ser 6	302.10	318.00	+ 0.30	.
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 0181 534 5544				
Equity Acc	883.10	929.60	+ 1.50	...
-do- Initial	573.20	603.40	+ 1.00	...
Gilt Edged Acc	392.90	413.60	- 4.80	...
-do- Initial	257.20	270.80	- 3.20	...
International Acc	397.80	418.80	- 2.80	...
-do- Initial	258.80	272.50	- 1.80	...
Managed Acc	537.00	565.30	- 1.20	...
-do- Initial	350.60	369.10	- 0.80	...
Money Acc	296.80	312.50	+ 0.20	...
Property Acc	303.50	319.50	+ 0.20	...
-do- Initial	197.10	207.50	+ 0.10	...
America Acc	288.90	304.20	+ 0.70	.
Australia Acc	196.40	206.80	- 1.40	...
Financial Acc	354.30	373.00	+ 3.50	...
500 Accum	449.20	472.90	- 1.80	...
Japan Genl Acc	291.70	307.10	- 7.80	.
Income Acc	540.40	568.90	+ 0.70	...
Leisure Acc	248.90	262.00	+ 2.30	...
Special Sits Acc	244.30	257.20	+ 1.70	...
Univ Tech Acc	160.30	168.80	+ 0.20	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 01634 834000				
The Managed Fd	828.13	828.13	- 0.77	...
Income Fund	797.29	839.25	- 0.46	...
Extra Income	720.95	758.90	- 4.52	...
Worldwide Gth	486.17	511.76	- 9.35	...
Balanced Fund	700.16	737.02	+ 4.89	...
Smllr Cos Recov	733.13	771.72	- 1.97	...
N Amer & Genrl	363.41	382.54	- 1.41	...
Pacific Basin	423.69	445.99	- 5.38	...
German Growth	251.21	264.44	+ 1.22	...
Japan Growth	165.18	173.88	- 6.64	...
The UK Gth Fd	217.22	228.67	- 0.76	...
Conti Euro Gth	141.59	149.03	- 1.08	...
Property Fund	410.89	432.52	- 0.59	...
Fixed Interest	320.25	337.11	- 4.52	...
Cash Fund	289.32	304.55	+ 0.47	...
Managed Inv	500.47	526.81	- 0.53	...
Nth Amer Recov	244.32	257.18	+ 2.69	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Gth	508.96	535.75	- 0.21	..
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 37, Greenock, Renfrewshire 01475 888000				
Measured Perf	160.90	170.20	- 1.40	...
Performance Plus	162.40	171.80	- 0.80	...
With Profit Perf	175.30	185.50	- 0.20	...
UK Opportunity	187.40	198.30	- 2.20	...
Euro Opportunity	221.70	234.60	- 1.90	...
North Amer Opp	169.00	178.80	- 0.30	...
Far East Opp	188.60	199.50	- 3.60	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	127.60	134.30		
Gth Prop Ser 2	179.90	190.30	- 0.60	...
Fixed Int	196.40	207.80	- 1.40	...
Cash	159.40	168.60	+ 0.10	...
Overseas	187.20	198.00	- 0.90	...
Formerly LAS				
Managed Fund	340.00	357.90	- 2.80	...
UK Equity	587.30	618.30	- 7.20	...
Property	260.20	273.90	+ 0.30	...
Money Market	256.70	270.30	+ 0.30	...
Fixed Interest	299.80	315.60	+ 0.20	...
Japan	320.40	337.30	- 8.00	...
North America	158.60	167.00	- 0.20	...
International	294.30	309.80	- 1.50	...
European	290.40	305.70	- 2.50	...
Far East	136.50	143.70	+ 0.10	...
CANADA LIFE 24 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 01707 51122				
Equity Growth	1271.80	...	...	
Managed	332.70	350.30	- 1.90	...
Property	237.70	250.30	+ 0.10	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	246.10	259.10	- 2.70	...
Equity	372.90	392.60	- 2.30	...
Cash	220.10	231.70	+ 0.30	...
CLife Euro Mgd	391.30	411.90	- 1.00	...
CLife Intl Fd	346.30	364.60	- 2.00	...
Managed Fund	727.90	766.30	- 3.10	...
Property Fund	549.00	577.90	+ 0.60	...
Equity Fund	943.40	993.10	- 2.50	...
Gilt Edged Fd	636.40	659.40	-11.20	...
Deposit Fund	337.20	354.90	+ 0.30	...
Investment Fd	405.10	425.30	- 1.10	...
International	542.10	570.60	- 2.40	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU. 01908 606101				
Property Fund	165.60	174.40	...	...
Managed Fund	622.90	655.70	- 3.60	...
Equity Fund	362.70	381.80	- 1.20	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0117 9290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	292.80	308.30	- 1.00	...
Ruby	173.00	182.20	- 0.50	...
Emerald	148.40	156.30	- 1.30	...
Equity	338.60	356.50	- 0.90	...
Property	234.60	247.00	+ 0.30	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	207.00	217.90	- 3.30	...
Indexed Secs	173.60	182.80	- 1.20	...
Cash	191.00	201.10	+ 0.10	...
Nth American	236.10	248.60	+ 2.80	...
Far East	313.10	329.60	- 2.00	...
International	237.40	249.90	- 1.00	...
Special Sits	339.00	356.90	+ 0.30	...
Intl Income	299.20	315.00	- 1.10	...
American Inc	198.40	208.90	+ 0.70	...
European	332.00	349.50	- 1.40	...
Japanese	124.00	130.60	- 3.00	...
SE Asia	364.00	383.20	+ 0.30	...
With Profits Reg	170.30	179.30	+ 0.30	...
-do- Spec	170.30	179.30	+ 0.20	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	331.60	349.10	- 1.50	...
Equity	403.00	424.30	- 1.90	...
Property	213.40	224.70	+ 0.60	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	260.50	274.30	- 3.20	...
Index Linked	183.30	193.00	- 0.50	...
Cash	257.30	270.90	+ 0.30	...
Nth American	295.30	310.90	+ 3.30	...
Far East Acc	289.30	304.60	- 5.10	...
International Acc	300.10	316.00	- 2.50	...
Special Sits	489.90	515.70	+ 1.40	...
European Flex	463.70	488.20	- 3.90	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP *Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY.* 01634 890 000				
(Unit)-Key	£222.33	...	+ 2.04	...
-do- Pacemaker	£323.58	...	+ 3.68	...
-do- Cash	207.20	218.11	+ 0.13	...
-do- Equity	561.01	590.54	- 1.73	...
-do- Fxd Int	361.42	380.44	- 8.53	...
-do- Managed	401.90	423.05	- 2.21	...
-do- Property	301.10	316.95	+ 1.44	...
(Pens)- Cash Cap	209.53	220.57	+ 0.07	...
-do- Cash Inv	312.48	328.94	+ 0.32	...
-do- Equity Cap	£14.70	£15.47	- 3.09	...
-do- Equity Inv	£21.92	£23.07	- 3.05	...
-do- Fixed Cap	395.82	416.66	- 8.40	...
-do- Fixed Inv	590.50	621.58	-12.09	...
-do- Index Cap	205.25	216.06	- 3.01	...
-do- Index Inv	306.10	322.22	- 4.26	...
Mngd Cap	586.91	617.81	- 2.29	...
Mngd Inv	875.28	921.36	- 2.79	
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3 0171 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	£726.06	...	-10.36	...
Var Ann (5)	393.88	...	- 1.06	...
Prime: Managed	411.90	433.60	- 1.00	...
Prime: UK Equity	508.90	535.70	+ 0.50	...
Prime: Int Equity	300.80	316.70	- 0.90	...
Prime: Property	253.60	267.00	- 0.70	...
Prime: Fxd Int	232.90	244.80	- 5.40	...
Prime: Index-Lnk	174.50	183.70	- 2.90	...
Prime: Cash	210.40	221.50	+ 0.10	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 01438 744940				
Managed Fund	£11.70	£12.31	+ 3.80	0.0
Equity Fund	£17.18	£18.09	- 3.30	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 01483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	610.70	642.80	+ 0.30	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	380.00	399.90	- 4.40	...
Life Equity Acc	866.90	912.50	+ 5.10	...
Life Money Acc	305.90	322.00	+ 0.20	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	807.90	850.40	- 4.90	...
Life Intl Acc	495.90	521.90	- 3.40	...
Life High Inc Acc	834.10	877.90	+ 0.50	...
Life Property Acc	252.40	265.60	+ 0.20	...
Crown Brit Inv A	£14.16	...	...	...
Brewin Equity	750.90	790.40	- 4.90	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 01242 221311				
Secure Fund	178.90	188.40	+ 0.10	...
Managed Fund	241.20	253.90	- 1.00	...
-do- Series 2	158.90	167.30	- 0.50	...
Adventurous Fd	194.10	204.40	- 1.10	...
-do- Series 2	149.40	157.30	- 0.90	...
Equity Mngd Fd	238.00	250.60	- 1.20	...
-do- Series 2	158.50	166.90	- 0.70	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	145.40	153.10	- 1.90	...
UK Equity Fund	169.60	178.60	- 0.20	0.0
Property Fund	116.90	123.10	- 0.30	...
Envrnmntl Opps	171.00	180.00	+ 0.80	...
Euro Fund	192.80	203.00	- 0.90	...
North Amer Fd	202.60	213.30	+ 0.60	...
Oriental Ops	230.40	242.60	- 0.60	...
Japanese Fund	109.60	115.40	- 2.80	...
Bd & West Life	126.90	133.60	+ 0.10	...
Bd & West Pen	144.60	152.30	+ 0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 0171 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	270.10	279.90	+ 0.30	3.27
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 01722 413366				
Managed (Mixd)	313.40	329.90	- 0.50	...
UK Equity	420.20	442.40	...	...
Stewardship	359.40	378.40	- 1.20	...
Overseas Equity	284.70	299.70	- 0.70	...
North American	153.90	162.00	+ 0.80	...
Pacific Basin	162.30	170.90	- 1.10	...
European	228.60	240.70	- 1.70	...
Property	199.80	210.40	+ 0.10	...
Fixed Interest	237.00	249.50	- 3.00	...
Index Linked	172.90	182.00	- 1.50	...
Cash	204.40	215.20	+ 0.20	..
FP Life Assurance ex NM				
Fixed Interest	549.70	578.60	+ 6.90	...
Managed	709.60	746.90	- 2.70	...
Deposit	351.30	369.70	...	...
Property	491.40	517.20	+ 0.90	...
American	442.10	465.30	+ 2.50	...
Australian	508.40	535.10	- 0.10	...
European	553.60	582.70	- 4.00	..
Income Acc	781.50	822.60	- 6.10	...
-do- Dist	452.60	476.40	- 4.60	5.20
International	313.00	329.40	- 1.20	...
Japan Smaller	416.30	438.20	-16.00	...
Singapore & Mal	391.60	412.20	- 2.10	...
Smaller Cos	406.60	428.00	-10.60	..
Tokyo Fund	630.30	663.40	- 7.90	...
UK Equity	598.80	630.30	- 1.30	...
CCM Vangd Mg	770.80	811.30	- 2.90	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 0171 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	301.40	317.30	- 0.60	..
GT Plan Wwide	462.20	486.60	- 7.30	...
GAN LIFE & PENSIONS Gan House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 01279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	708.10	708.10	+ 1.10	..
-do- Inv A	708.00	745.40	+ 1.20	...
UK Equity	426.70	449.30	+ 2.90	..
Gilt Plus	205.70	216.60	- 3.10	...
Managed	315.40	332.10	+ 0.60	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier St, York YO1 1HR. 01904 628982				
Managed	215.40	226.60	- 1.00	...
Unitised Profit	141.70	149.10	+ 0.20	...
UK Equity	295.60	311.10	+ 0.10	...
Fixed Int	196.40	206.60	- 2.80	...
Index-Linked	169.90	178.70	- 2.50	...
Cash Deposit	177.30	186.50	+ 0.10	...
Property	191.50	201.50	+ 0.10	...
International	175.60	184.80	- 0.20	...
American	168.20	176.90	- 0.50	...
Japan	222.30	233.90	- 5.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	227.70	239.60	- 3.30	...
European	188.90	198.70	- 2.00	..
Pacific Fund	284.30	299.20	- 1.80	...
Conv Life	130.40	137.20	+ 0.60	...
For General Portfolio see Gan				
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3. 0171 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	827.70	862.20	...	...
Managed Initial	467.50	492.10	- 0.80	...
-do- Acc	674.60	710.10	- 0.90	...
Equity Initial	706.60	743.80	+ 1.20	..
-do- Acc	£10.19	£10.73	+ 2.30	..
Fixed Int Initial	444.40	467.80	- 7.70	...
-do- Acc	641.30	675.00	-10.90	..
Intl Initial	447.70	471.20	- 4.30	...
-do- Acc	646.00	680.00	- 5.90	
Nth Amer Initial	183.70	193.30	+ 1.30	...
-do- Acc	241.20	253.90	+ 1.80	...
Pacific Initial	229.30	241.40	- 3.20	...
-do- Acc	298.30	314.00	- 4.10	...
Property Initial	180.90	190.40	...	...
-do- Acc	260.80	274.50	...	...
Index-Lnkd Intl	163.30	171.90	- 1.30	...
-do- Acc	214.50	225.80	- 1.60	...
Deposit Initial	199.40	209.90	+ 0.10	...
-do- Acc	287.70	302.90	+ 0.30	...
Euro Initial	108.30	113.90	- 1.00	...
-do- Acc	131.40	138.30	- 1.10	...
HALIFAX LIFE LTD PO Box 285, York YO1 1YB 01904 611110				
Life Funds				
Foundation	25.32	26.67	- 0.14	...
Balanced	26.05	27.42	+ 0.16	...
Opportunity	25.94	27.30	- 0.14	...
Deposit	25.79	27.14	+ 1.82	...
Pension Funds				
Foundation	25.79	27.14	- 0.17	...
Balanced	26.29	27.67	- 0.16	...
Opportunity	26.13	27.50	- 0.16	...
Deposit	24.21	25.48	+ 0.02	...
HAMBRO ASSURED Harbour House, Portway, Preston, Lancs PR2 2PR. 01772 840000				
Managed	172.30	181.30	- 1.10	...
-do- Pens	211.70	222.80	- 1.90	...
UK Equity	177.30	186.60	- 0.70	...
-do- Pens	203.50	214.20	- 1.10	...
International	148.30	156.10	- 4.10	...
-do- Pens	161.70	170.20	- 4.50	...
Deposit	141.90	149.30	+ 0.10	...
-do- Pens	168.80	177.70	+ 0.10	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 0171 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	367.00	390.50	- 2.40	...
North America	356.90	379.70	- 3.00	...
Far East Fund	560.20	596.00	-11.20	...
Global Managed	464.70	494.40	- 5.70	...
Deposit Fund	233.60	245.90	+ 1.30	...
Prime Residential	139.30	146.70	...	...
European Fund	268.20	285.40	- 2.50	...
Fixed Interest	61.40	65.30	- 0.80	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 0181 686 4355				
Security Fund	536.20	567.50	- 2.40	...
British Fund	549.90	582.00	- 0.90	...
International	550.70	582.80	- 3.70	...
Dollar Fund	405.50	429.20	- 4.80	...
Capital Fund	496.00	524.90	- 1.90	...
Income Fund	715.60	757.30	- 4.10	...
Property Series A	469.50	496.90	...	4.50
Property Units	776.20	815.10	...	...
Financial Fund	610.40	646.00	- 4.00	...
Managed Ser A	556.60	589.00	- 7.00	...
Managed Units	998.00	£10.50	-12.40	...
High Yield Fund	664.60	703.30	- 4.30	...
Money Series A	294.30	311.50	+ 0.20	...
Money Units	390.70	411.30	+ 0.30	...
Equity Fund	632.80	669.70	- 8.80	...
Fixed Interest	370.20	391.80	- 4.90	...
Indexed Secs	191.70	202.90	- 1.30	...
European Fund	752.30	796.10	-10.20	...
Natural Res	286.70	303.40	+ 3.30	...
Far East Fund	631.00	667.80	- 8.10	...
Smaller Cos	507.70	537.30	- 1.40	...
Special Sits	467.90	495.20	- 0.10	...
Man Currency	266.90	282.50	- 0.70	...
Japanese Tech	260.50	275.70	- 3.00	...
US Smaller Cos	266.40	282.00	- 0.40	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 5TF. 01727 48281				
Global Managed	583.90	614.60	- 6.30	...
Global Property	301.30	317.10	...	...
Global Fixed Int	525.90	553.60	- 7.50	...
Global Equity	627.90	660.90	- 6.80	...
Global Cash	217.80	229.40	+ 0.20	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 01452 371371				
Property	490.10	515.80	- 0.60	...
Managed	423.80	446.10	- 1.90	...
American	430.10	452.70	+ 3.40	...
UK Equity Fd	464.10	488.50	- 0.40	...
Japan	177.60	186.90	- 3.20	...
Index-Lkd	191.80	201.80	- 0.90	...
High Yield	879.60	925.80	- 5.50	...
Money	411.10	432.70	+ 0.40	...
International	391.00	411.50	- 3.10	...
Henderson Active	203.20	213.80	- 3.50	...
Perpetual Active	331.40	348.80	- 2.90	...
Growth Acc	663.10	698.00	- 3.60	...
Gilt Edged	443.50	466.80	- 5.70	...
European	162.60	171.30	- 1.90	...
Far East	207.00	217.80	- 3.50	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 01273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Init	134.80	141.90	...	...
-do- Acc	189.50	199.50	+ 0.10	...
Brit Opps Int	146.80	154.60	- 0.20	...
-do- Acc	185.00	194.80	+ 0.30	...
Cash Initial	168.00	176.90	+ 0.10	...
-do- Acc	293.70	309.20	+ 0.30	...
Equity Initial	674.30	709.80	- 0.50	...
-do- Acc	£11.78	£12.40	- 0.70	..
Fixed Initial	344.90	363.10	- 5.40	...
-do- Acc	602.70	634.50	- 9.30	..
Index-Lnkd Gilt	135.90	143.10	- 1.50	...
-do- Acc	202.60	213.30	- 2.30	...
Intl Initial	311.20	327.60	- 2.00	...
-do- Acc	535.40	563.60	- 3.50	...
Managed Initial	476.60	501.70	- 1.70	...
-do- Acc	832.90	876.80	- 2.60	...
Property Initial	219.40	231.00	+ 0.30	...
-do- Acc	383.40	403.60	+ 0.40	...
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 0181 902 8876				
Equity Units	£134.14	...	+ 0.18	...
Property Units	£27.11	...	+ 0.07	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£67.99	£71.57	+ 0.15	...
2nd Equity Acc	658.10	692.70	+ 1.10	...
2nd High Inc Ac	620.70	653.30	- 3.60	...
2nd Property Acc	248.60	261.70	- 0.70	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	184.60	194.40	+ 0.70	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	476.50	501.60	+ 1.00	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	235.40	247.80	+ 0.10	...
2nd Deposit Acc	290.50	305.80	+ 0.10	...
2nd Gilt Acc	309.40	325.70	- 4.20	...
2nd Amer Acc	732.40	770.90	-16.80	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	283.90	298.90	- 1.10	...
2nd Index Acc	213.80	225.00	- 2.30	...
2nd Far East Acc	429.10	451.70	- 3.50	...
2nd Global Acc	174.20	183.30	+ 0.80	...
2nd Euro Acc	169.50	178.50	- 1.00	...
2nd Japan Acc	177.90	187.30	- 2.60	...
2nd Intl Cr Bd Acc	172.70	181.80	- 1.10	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	132.80	139.80	- 0.60	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0117 9279179				
Equity	‡928.30	...	- 3.00	...
Fixed Interest	‡429.60	...	- 7.90	...
Property	‡415.50	...	+ 0.40	...
Deposit	‡298.00	...	...	...
Mixed	‡608.20	...	- 2.20	...
Indexed Stock	‡219.20	...	- 1.30	...
International	‡292.90	...	- 0.20	...
Equity A	‡215.30	...	- 0.70	...
Fixed Int A	‡190.60	...	- 3.50	...
Property A	‡182.60	...	+ 0.20	...
Deposit A	‡175.10	...	...	...
Mixed A	‡199.90	...	- 0.70	...
Index Stock A	‡171.60	...	- 1.10	...
International A	‡183.00	...	- 0.10	...
Equity P	‡778.50	...	- 2.20	...
Fixed Int P	‡569.30	...	- 7.30	...
Property P	‡326.40	...	+ 0.40	...
Deposit P	‡352.20	...	+ 0.20	...
Mixed P	‡561.10	...	- 1.90	...
Index Stock P	‡251.10	...	- 1.50	...
International P	‡341.20	...	- 1.50	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 01392 282456				
Inv Trust Cap	‡583.60	...	- 2.10	...
-do- Acc	‡810.00	...	- 2.60	...
Property Cap	‡147.30	...	...	...
-do- Acc	‡242.50	...	+ 0.20	...
Fxd Interest Cap	‡195.00	...	- 2.60	...
-do- Acc	‡323.00	...	- 4.10	...
Equity Cap	‡321.00	...	- 1.70	...
-do- Acc	‡539.20	...	- 2.30	...
Interntl Cap	‡224.30	...	- 2.90	...
-do- Acc	‡373.00	...	- 4.40	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	‡164.10	...	+ 0.10	...
-do- Acc	‡268.70	...	+ 0.20	7.20
Flexible Cap	‡341.60	...	- 2.60	...
-do- Acc	‡572.10	...	- 3.80	...
Moneymaker Fd	‡442.50	...	- 3.40	...
Capital Growth	‡£17.46	...	- 9.00	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 01245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	429.70	451.30	+ 0.90	...
Amer Rec Bond	510.10	535.70	+ 2.80	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	237.50	249.50	- 0.20	...
Australasia Bd	210.60	221.30	+ 1.60	...
Commodity Bond	306.60	322.00	- 3.00	...
Deposit Bond Acc	368.60	387.20	+ 0.30	...
Equity Bond Acc	£16.02	£16.83	- 0.40	...
European Bd Acc	400.60	420.80	+ 0.40	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	773.40	812.10	- 1.30	...
Far East Bd Acc	302.80	318.10	- 2.60	...
Gilt Bond Acc	451.40	474.10	- 6.40	...
Gold Bond Acc	147.70	155.20	+ 1.50	...
High Yield Bond	341.40	358.60	- 3.60	...
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	215.60	226.50	- 1.50	...
International Bd	755.00	792.80	- 8.00	...
Japan Bond Acc	224.80	236.10	- 7.20	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	206.90	217.30	- 8.30	...
Managed Bonds	890.80	935.50	- 4.80	...
Prop Bond Acc	357.20	375.20	- 0.10	...
Rec Bond Acc	787.00	826.50	-10.20	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 01903 204631				
UK Equity	230.80	243.00	+ 0.30	...
UK Equity Acc	331.60	349.10	+ 0.60	...
Special Sits	93.40	98.40	- 0.10	...
Special Sits Acc	134.30	141.40	+ 0.20	...
North American	182.10	191.70	+ 0.30	...
N American Acc	261.80	275.60	+ 0.60	...
Pacific Basin	356.30	375.10	- 2.10	...
Pacific Basin Acc	512.10	539.10	- 2.60	...
Fixed Interest	282.00	296.90	- 4.80	...
Fixed Interest Acc	405.80	427.20	- 6.60	...
Property	178.00	187.40	...	...
Property Acc	256.20	269.70	+ 0.30	...
Deposit	152.70	160.80	+ 0.10	...
Deposit Acc	219.70	231.30	+ 0.10	...
Managed	262.70	276.60	- 0.50	...
Managed Acc	348.00	366.40	- 0.40	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS St Bartholomews House, Lewins Mead Bristol BS1 2NH 0117 9266 366				
Property	442.40	465.60	- 0.30	...
UK Equity	370.80	390.30	- 1.50	...
Gilt Edged	590.70	621.70	- 5.90	...
Interest Fund	394.50	415.20	+ 0.30	...
UK Fund	505.20	531.70	- 1.70	...
Intl Equity	606.50	638.40	- 1.80	...
Intl Managed	577.70	608.10	- 2.40	...
North American	223.80	235.50	+ 1.70	...
Far East	450.60	474.30	- 4.80	...
Intl Currency	264.20	278.10	+ 0.20	...
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 0171 623 4200				
Managed	497.40	523.50	- 2.60	...
UK Equity	635.40	668.80	- 0.40	...
Overseas Equity	476.70	501.70	- 4.20	...
American	417.30	439.20	+ 1.70	...
Far East	544.20	572.80	- 7.10	...
Property	222.80	234.50	+ 0.10	...
Fixed Interest	393.80	414.30	- 6.10	...
Indexed Gilt	239.10	251.60	- 2.40	...
Deposit	221.00	232.60	+ 0.20	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 148, Norwich NR3 1PP 01603 622200				
Managed Fund	£14.71	£15.49	- 6.30	...
Eqity Fund	£32.42	£34.13	- 8.90	...
Property Fd	587.10	618.00	- 0.40	...
Fixed Int Fd	599.50	631.10	- 9.60	...
Deposit Fund	357.00	375.80	+ 0.50	...
Intl Fund	247.10	260.10	- 1.40	...
OLD MUTUAL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 01256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	302.60	319.20	+ 6.50	...
Fxd Interest Acc	245.00	258.50	- 3.60	...
International Acc	247.30	260.90	- 2.70	...
Managed Acc	223.10	235.40	- 1.10	...
Property Acc	221.70	233.90	- 0.10	...
Money Acc	158.20	166.90	+ 0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	214.00	225.80	- 1.50	...
Japan Equity Acc	110.20	116.30	- 2.30	...
N Amer Acc	163.30	172.30	+ 1.70	...
Pacific Acc	153.20	161.70	- 1.50	...
European Acc	188.50	198.90	- 1.10	...
PEARL ASSURANCE The Pearl Centre, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FY. 01733 470 470				
Inv Prop Dist	157.40	165.70	+ 0.20	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	331.50	349.00	+ 0.40	...
Inv Equity	£12.58	£13.24	- 0.20	...
Inv Managed	878.50	924.80	- 2.10	...
Ret Managed	999.00	£10.51	- 2.50	...
For Providence Capitol see Old Mutual				
PROVIDENT MUTUAL Six Hills Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2ST 01438 732000				
Managed Ord	491.60	517.50	- 1.20	...
Managed Initial	325.80	342.90	- 1.10	...
Equity Ord	754.20	793.90	- 0.20	...
Equity Init	499.90	526.20	- 0.40	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	205.90	216.70	- 3.20	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	142.50	150.00	- 2.30	...
Oseas Equity Ord	382.10	402.20	- 0.90	...
Oseas Equity Init	253.30	266.60	- 0.70	...
Property Ord	281.70	296.50	+ 0.30	...
Property Init	186.70	196.50	...	...
Fixed Int Ord	285.90	300.90	- 5.70	...
Fixed Int Init	189.50	199.50	- 3.90	...
Deposit Ord	210.70	221.80	+ 0.20	...
Deposit Initial	139.60	146.90	...	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 0171 405 9222				
Managed	352.80	367.50	- 4.10	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 0171 548 3278				
Managed Fund	827.00	870.60	- 3.60	...
Equity Fund	£15.75	£16.58	- 5.00	...
Intl Fund	638.90	672.60	- 2.30	...
Fixed Interest	576.40	606.80	- 9.30	...
Property Fund	490.60	516.50	+ 0.40	...
Cash Fund	371.50	391.10	+ 0.40	...
Pacific Basin	358.90	377.80	- 0.30	...
N American Fd	273.00	287.40	+ 1.80	...
Euro Fund	287.40	302.60	- 2.20	...
Balanced Fund	161.60	170.20	- 0.70	...
Strategic Fund	170.20	179.20	- 0.40	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 01733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	‡790.50	...	...	...
-do- Acc	466.40	490.90	...	...
Op Prop	488.40	514.00	+ 2.60	...
Op Equity	£10.36	£10.90	- 6.70	...
Op High Yield	603.00	634.70	- 9.10	...
Op Managed	840.50	884.70	- 7.70	...
Op Deposit	400.80	421.80	...	...
Inc Gth	309.40	325.70	- 2.10	...
Japan Smlr	200.10	210.70	-10.20	...
Managed Gth	257.20	270.80	- 1.80	...
Gilt	81.10	85.40	- 2.50	...
British	361.10	380.20	- 0.10	...
Global Bond	116.40	122.60	- 2.20	...
Global (35.34)	169.30	178.30	- 1.10	...
Gold Share	79.70	83.90	- 0.90	...
High Income	307.20	323.40	- 2.60	...
Income	416.20	438.20	- 0.90	...
Japan	390.80	411.40	- 5.10	...
UK Smlr Cos	356.30	375.10	- 7.10	...
Mngd Growth	464.00	488.50	- 3.30	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 0151 239 3809				
Royal Shield Fd	£10.03	£10.61	- 4.50	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	397.60	418.50	- 1.80	...
Equity Fund	581.50	612.10	- 1.10	...
Property Fund	336.70	354.40	+ 1.60	...
International	489.20	514.90	- 3.60	...
Pacific Basin	257.10	270.60	- 1.50	...
United States	274.00	288.40	- 1.60	...
Gilt Fund	376.10	395.80	- 4.20	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 01708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	783.10	828.70	- 2.80	2.62
Deposit Fund (2)	380.50	402.70	+ 0.50	6.83
Gilt Fund	530.10	561.00	- 6.50	8.25
Global Equity Fd	237.30	251.20	+ 0.50	...
Property Fund (46)	114.50	121.20	+ 0.10	6.60
AG Bond Fund	149.10	157.80	- 2.00	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 0141 248 2323				
Equity	615.90	648.40	- 2.20	...
Fixed Interest	379.80	399.80	- 4.20	...
Index-Linked	202.60	213.30	- 1.60	...
International	461.20	485.50	- 3.90	...
Property	301.10	317.00	+ 0.30	...
Cash	234.80	247.20	+ 0.20	...
Managed	480.70	506.00	- 2.70	...
Cap Gteed Bd	119.70	126.00	- 0.10	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 0131 556 9101				
Cash	185.01	194.75	+ 0.16	...
Index-Linked	168.50	177.40	- 1.30	...
Fixed Interest	177.90	187.20	- 2.90	...
Mixed	263.10	276.90	- 0.80	...
UK Equity	252.28	265.50	+ 0.30	...
International	260.70	274.40	- 1.60	...
American	270.30	284.50	+ 2.70	...
Japan	219.50	231.00	- 2.50	...
European	276.20	290.70	- 1.40	...
Pacific	350.40	368.80	- 1.40	...
Technology	399.10	420.10	+ 4.60	...
Currncy/Currncy	241.90	254.60	- 2.00	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 0131 225 2211				
Property	226.10	238.10	+ 0.20	...
UK Equity	371.60	391.20	+ 0.70	...
American	261.80	275.70	+ 4.70	...
Pacific	337.70	355.60	- 2.70	...
European	502.10	528.60	- 6.50	...
International	315.10	331.80	...	...
Fixed Interest	240.30	253.00	- 5.60	...
Index Linked	202.90	213.60	- 1.00	...
Deposit	198.50	209.00	+ 0.10	...
Managed	295.80	311.50	...	...
Worldwide	123.10	129.70	+ 0.50	...
Pen Worldwide	131.20	138.20	+ 0.60	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 0141 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	£17.02	£17.55	+ 1.70	...
Safety Fund	240.90	253.60	- 2.30	...
Growth Fund	234.70	247.10	- 1.50	...
Opportunity Fd	232.50	244.80	- 1.50	...
Cash Fund	177.80	187.20	+ 0.20	...
European Fund	354.70	373.40	- 4.00	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	204.60	215.40	- 4.00	...
Index-Linked Fd	186.30	196.20	- 2.30	...
International Fd	282.00	296.90	- 1.10	...
North American	236.40	248.90	+ 2.00	...
Property Fund	129.40	136.30	- 0.40	...
UK Equity	254.60	268.10	+ 1.30	...
UK Smaller	241.40	254.20	- 2.30	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA *0131 556 9181*				
Mixed	276.80	291.50	- 0.10	...
Equity	294.80	310.40	+ 0.40	...
International	274.00	288.50	+ 0.20	...
Property	235.70	248.20	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	222.90	234.70	- 3.10	...
Index Linked	186.10	196.00	- 2.00	...
Cash	190.10	200.20	+ 0.10	...
Formerly Prolific				
Bal Gwth Mngd	827.30	880.20	+ 1.90	...
Cash Fund	345.90	364.50	+ 0.30	...
Property Fund	299.10	315.20	+ 0.10	...
Equity Fund	926.10	985.30	+ 1.10	...
Fxd Interest Fund	473.90	499.40	- 3.20	...
International	395.50	420.80	+ 0.50	...
High Income	744.90	792.50	+ 7.20	...
Far East	560.80	596.70	- 9.20	...
North American	574.20	610.90	+ 7.80	...
Special Sits	677.40	720.70	- 6.40	...
Technology	715.90	761.60	+29.50	...
Extra Income Fd	401.70	427.40	+ 1.20	...
Gilt Fund	492.10	523.60	- 2.00	...
European	156.30	166.30	- 0.80	...
Adventurous Mg	228.40	240.50	- 0.20	...
Secure Mgd	153.00	161.30	...	...
Equity Inc Dist	121.00	127.60	+ 0.40	4.56
Managed Dist	112.70	118.80	+ 0.10	5.05
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 0131 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	979.10	979.10	+ 1.20	...
Inv Pol 2	888.60	935.50	+ 1.20	...
Inv Pol 3	847.00	891.70	+ 1.10	...
Inv Cash	321.50	338.50	+ 0.30	...
Mixed Fund	463.40	487.90	- 0.50	...
Equity Fund	560.90	590.50	+ 4.20	...
Property Fund	247.40	260.50	+ 3.20	...
International Fd	485.80	511.40	- 3.90	...
Fixed Interest Fd	384.10	404.40	- 7.10	...
Indexed Stock Fd	204.80	215.60	- 3.40	...
Cash Fund	232.60	245.00	+ 0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 01703 334411				
Managed Acc	391.90	412.50	- 3.90	...
Equity Acc	470.50	495.20	- 4.40	...
International Acc	353.80	372.40	- 6.40	...
Property	231.90	244.10	+ 0.20	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0131 225 2552				
Cash	273.60	288.00	+ 0.20	...
Equity	£10.52	£11.08	- 0.30	...
European	178.30	187.70	- 2.50	...
Far East	170.00	179.00	- 0.60	...
Fixed Interest	406.90	428.40	- 6.40	...
Index Linked	216.80	228.30	- 3.30	...
International	629.60	662.80	- 4.10	...
Managed	730.00	768.50	- 1.80	...
Nth American	151.90	159.90	+ 0.10	...
Property	368.20	387.60	+ 2.60	...
Pensions				
Cash	428.30	450.90	+ 0.40	...
Equity	£15.45	£16.27	- 0.40	...
European	216.60	228.00	- 3.30	...
Far East	135.20	142.40	- 0.90	...
Fixed Interest	568.40	598.40	- 7.70	...
Index Linked	302.20	318.20	- 4.50	...
International	889.50	936.40	- 6.80	...
Managed	£10.41	£10.96	- 3.00	...
Nth American	188.80	198.80	+ 0.30	...
Property	504.70	531.30	+ 0.40	...
Stock Exchange	234.90	247.30	- 0.60	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 01403 232323				
Managed Fund	681.50	717.80	- 0.50	...
Equity Fund	906.30	954.00	- 1.00	...
Fixed Interest Fd	419.80	441.90	- 7.70	...
Index-Linked Fd	329.30	346.70	- 2.60	...
Property Fund	525.40	553.10	- 0.60	...
International Fd	643.90	677.80	+ 0.80	...
N American Fd	250.20	263.40	+ 2.20	...
Far East Fund	230.60	242.80	- 1.60	...
Deposit Fund	304.30	320.40	+ 0.40	...
International Bd	‡187.80	...	- 1.37	...
Worldwide Bond	163.40	172.00	- 1.20	...
European	171.50	180.60	- 1.90	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	679.40	715.30	- 5.00	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	451.50	483.50	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	‡608.00	...	+ 0.70	...
-do- Acc	‡566.20	...	+ 0.60	...
Agricultural Fd	‡839.40	...	+ 1.20	...
-do- Acc	‡806.00	...	+ 1.20	...
Abbey Nat Fd	‡452.20	...	+ 0.80	...
Abbey Nat Acc	‡477.30	...	+ 0.50	...
Investment Fd	‡363.50	...	- 0.10	...
Investment (A)	‡348.60	...	- 0.20	...
Equity	‡£13.22	...	- 1.10	...
Equity Acc	‡£12.64	...	- 1.20	...
Money Fund	‡486.30	...	+ 0.50	...
-do- Acc	‡464.30	...	+ 0.40	...
Actuarial Fd	‡601.40	...	- 1.10	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	‡393.60	...	- 6.80	...
-do- Acc	‡393.60	...	- 6.80	...
Retire Annuity	‡£12.53	...	...	...
Immed Annuity	‡208.50	...	...	...
Bldg Soc Life	‡231.20	...	+ 0.20	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 01256 841414				
Growth Account	£15.37	...	-14.30	...
Managed Acc	869.60	...	- 0.10	...
Equity Account	£12.52	...	+ 5.90	...
Mngd Fund Acc	399.10	420.10	...	...
Equity Fund Acc	545.60	574.40	+ 2.70	...
Prop Fund Acc	265.70	279.70	+ 0.40	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	321.30	338.30	- 1.60	...
Money Fund Acc	225.70	237.60	+ 0.10	...
Indx-Lnk Scs Ac	213.10	224.30	- 0.10	...
Pers Pens Acc	£19.71	...	-24.00	...
Pens Mngd Acc	916.50	964.80	-11.70	...
Pens Guarantee	262.90	276.80	+ 0.50	...
Pens Equity	355.20	373.90	- 3.10	...
Pens Property	308.60	324.90	+ 0.50	...
Pens Fixed Int	296.50	312.10	- 8.90	...
Pens Intl	247.70	260.80	- 4.10	...
Pens Money	243.10	255.90	+ 0.20	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	202.50	213.10	- 2.80	...
SUN LIFE UNIT *St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL* 0117 9426911				
Managed Acc	925.70	974.50	- 8.30	...
Property Acc	331.60	349.10	- 5.10	...
Equity Acc	£15.20	£16.00	- 6.80	...
Fixed Int Acc	407.00	428.50	- 5.40	...
Cash Acc	315.90	332.60	+ 0.30	...
Amer Equity Acc	392.90	413.60	+ 3.00	...
Japan Acc	280.60	295.40	- 8.90	...
Pacific Acc	372.50	392.20	- 6.80	...
Far Eastern Acc	843.60	888.10	-17.60	...
International Acc	602.60	634.40	- 8.00	...
Distribution Fund	278.60	293.36	- 1.50	6.14
European	200.50	211.10	- 2.90	...
Defrd Dist	174.80	184.10	- 0.20	...
TSB LIFE LTD *Charlton Place*, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE 01264 345678				
Managed Fund	291.40	306.80	- 1.20	...
Property Fund	232.70	245.00	+ 0.30	...
Fixed Interest Fd	228.50	240.60	- 4.20	...
Money Fund	204.30	215.20	+ 0.20	...
Equity Fund	376.20	396.00	- 1.40	...
TARGET LIFE The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 01296 394000				
Deposit	254.00	267.50	+ 0.20	...
Financial Ser 1	49.10	52.50	- 0.40	...
Fixed Interest	331.10	348.60	- 6.70	..
Gold	80.30	84.70	+ 2.20	...
Managed	623.10	656.00	- 2.70	...
Mngd Growth	196.90	207.40	- 2.20	...
Mngd Opp	207.50	218.50	- 2.70	...
Property	327.20	344.40	...	...
Residential Prop	103.10	108.60	...	...
TSB American	204.00	214.00	+ 3.00	...
TSB Brit Gwth	898.50	945.90	+11.20	...
TSB European	269.80	284.10	- 4.10	...
TSB Income	397.40	418.40	- 3.80	...
TSB Intl	415.90	437.90	- 2.50	...
TSB Intl Inc	293.20	308.70	- 2.20	...
TSB Pacific	394.80	415.70	- 5.30	...
TSB Prem Inc	258.70	270.30	- 2.30	...
WINDSOR LIFE Windsor House, Telford, Shropshire 01952 292929				
Managed Bond	704.60	742.50	- 4.60	...
Money Fund	324.60	341.70	+ 6.50	...
Equity Fund	634.80	668.90	- 3.40	...
Fixed Interest	285.80	301.20	- 3.30	...
Property Fund	360.40	379.40	...	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Genl	594.00	625.90	+ 3.00	...
Income	774.90	816.50	- 5.00	...
International Gth	636.90	671.70	+ 1.40	...
Capital Fund	623.30	656.80	- 6.00	...
Recovery Fund	636.90	671.10	+ 1.00	...
Japan & General	239.70	252.60	- 5.80	...
Formerly Albna				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	18.38	19.35	+ 0.01	...
Bear	20.02	21.07	- 0.29	...
Owl	21.28	22.40	- 0.15	...
Bull	18.26	19.22	- 0.17	...
Stag	19.08	20.08	+ 0.33	...
Gilt Edged	19.08	20.08	- 0.17	...
Deposit	16.06	16.90	+ 0.01	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	25.11	26.43	+ 0.02	...
Bear	27.89	29.36	- 0.31	...
Owl	29.03	30.56	- 0.19	...
Bull	23.58	24.82	- 0.19	...
Stag	24.12	25.39	+ 0.59	...
Gilt Edged	24.02	25.28	- 0.34	...
Deposit	20.86	21.96	+ 0.01	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	593.27	...	- 4.98	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	352.17	370.71	- 3.11	...
N Amer Equity	289.71	304.96	+ 1.43	...
Far East Equity	359.68	378.19	- 8.05	...
Fixed	299.68	315.45	- 4.31	...
Cash Deposit	208.55	219.53	+ 0.14	...
Property	152.36	160.38	+ 2.56	...
Special Opp	359.06	377.95	+ 4.35	...
Managed	313.39	329.88	- 2.77	...
Index-Linked Fd	195.29	205.57	- 1.16	...

Week ends on subdued note

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
101⅝	100⁹⁄₃₂	Exch 10¼% 1995	100⁹⁄₃₂xd	-⅛	10.21	6.00
104⅝	102⁹⁄₁₆	Treas 12¾% 1995	102⁹⁄₁₆	-⅛	12.45	6.34
108⅞	104⅞	Treas 14% 1996	104⅞	-⅛	13.42	6.51
109⅝	107⅛	Treas 15¼% 1996	107⅛	-⅛	14.22	6.81
107⅛	105¹¹⁄₁₆	Exch 13¼% 1996	105¹¹⁄₁₆	-⅛	12.54	6.69
104¹⁷⁄₃₂	103⅞	Conv 10% 1996	103⅞	-⅛	9.63	7.05
100⅛	97⅞	Treas 7% 1997	99⅛	-⅛	7.05	7.38
109⁹⁄₁₆	108⅛	Treas 13¼% 1997	108⅛xd	-⅛	12.16	7.21
105⁹⁄₁₆	104⅛	Exch 10½% 1997	105⅛	-⅛	9.98	7.26
103⅝	100⅛	Treas 8¾% 1997	102⅛	-⅛	8.53	7.46
117⅝	114⅝	Exch 15% 1997	115⅝	-⅛	12.95	7.54
106⅝	102⅛	Exch 9¾% 1998	104⅝xd	-⅛	9.29	7.61
100⅛	96⅛	Treas 7¼% 1998	99⅛	-⅛	7.32	7.64
99⅝	94⅝	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	97⅝	-⅛	6.91	7.68
117⅛	114⅛	Treas 14% 1998-01	116	-⅛	12.07	7.79
124⅛	120⅛	Treas 15½% 1998	122⅛	-⅛	12.68	7.72
114⅝	109⅝	Exch 12% 1998	112⅝	-⅛	10.87	7.78
106⅝	100⅛	Treas 9½% 1999	105⅛	-⅛	9.03	7.82
116⅛	111⅛	Exch 12¼% 1999	114⅛	-⅛	10.73	7.85
110⅝	105⅝	Treas 10½% 1999	108⅝	-⅛	9.65	7.86
95⅛	89⅝	Treas 6% 1999	93⅛	-⅛	6.41	7.87
110⅛	105⅛	Conv 10¼% 1999	108⅛	-⅛	9.44	7.92

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
106⅛	100⅛	Conv 9% 2000	104⅛	-⅛	8.63	7.88
102⅛	96⅛	Treas 8% 2000	100⅛	-⅛	7.97	7.90
123⅝	117	Treas 13% 2000	120⅛xd	-⅛	10.77	7.97
111⅛	104⅛	Treas 10% 2001	108⅛	-⅛	9.19	8.04
97⅛	90⅛	Treas 7% 2001	94⅛	-⅛	7.39	8.07
111⅛	103⅛	Treas 9¾% 2002	108⅛	-⅛	8.97	8.14
101⅛	94⅛	Treas 8% 2003	99⅛	-⅛	8.07	8.17
113⅛	105⅛	Treas 10% 2003	110⅛	-⅛	9.03	8.19
117⅛	110⅛	Treas 11½% 2001-04	115⅛	-⅛	9.98	8.14
80⅛	71⅛	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72⅛	-⅛	4.86	7.90
111⅛	103⅛	Conv 9½% 2004	108⅛	-⅛	8.78	8.25
93⅛	86⅛	Treas 6¾% 2004	90⅛	-⅛	7.46	8.23
105⅛	97⅛	Treas 8½% 2005	102⅛	-⅛	8.32	8.24
111⅛	103⅛	Conv 9½% 2005	108⅛	-⅛	8.77	8.28
128⅛	119⅛	Treas 12½% 2003-05	125⅛	-⅛	9.98	8.28
99⅛	92⅛	Treas 7¾% 2006	96⅛	-⅛	8.03	8.29
101⅛	93⅛	Treas 8% 2002-06	98⅛	-⅛	8.15	8.24
123⅛	113⅛	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	119⅛xd	-⅛	9.85	8.28
105⅛	97⅛	Treas 8½% 2007	102⅛	-⅛	8.33	8.24
135⅛	126⅛	Treas 13½% 2004-08	132⅛	-⅛	10.22	8.28
110⅛	101⅛	Treas 9% 2008	106⅛	-⅛	8.48	8.24
102⅛	94	Treas 8% 2009	97⅛	-⅛	8.17	8.25

LONGS (over 15 years)

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
86⅛	79⅛	Treas 6¼% 2010	82⅛	-⅛	7.56	8.24
111⅛	101⅛	Conv 9% 2011	106⅛xd	-⅛	8.44	8.25
111⅛	102⅛	Treas 9% 2012	106⅛	-1	8.42	8.25
79⅛	72⅛	Treas 5½% 2008-12	77⅛		7.07	8.16
102⅛	93⅛	Treas 8% 2013	97⅛	-⅛	8.18	8.23
99⅛	91⅛	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	95⅛	-1⅛	8.14	8.24
110⅛	100⅛	Treas 8¾% 2017	105⅛	-1⅛	8.30	8.22
139⅛	127⅛	Exch 12% 2013-17	134⅛	-1⅛	8.93	8.33

UNDATED

1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gro red yld
45⅛	40⅛	War Ln 3½%	42⅛	-⅛	8.19	...
31⅛	28⅛	Treas 2½%	29⅛	-⅛	8.48	...
49⅛	45⅛	Consols 4%	47⅛	-⅛	8.38	...

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1995 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	10%	5%
211	201⅛	Treas IL 2% 1996	210⅛	-⅛	1.22	3.42
112⅛	105⅛	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	111⅛	-⅛	2.15	3.30
176⅛	165⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2001	175⅛	-⅛	3.00	3.49
172⅛	161⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2003	171⅛	-⅛	3.17	3.49
115⅛	108⅛	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	114⅛	-⅛	3.19	3.55
181⅛	168⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006	179⅛	-⅛	3.30	3.58
164⅛	152⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2009	161⅛	-⅛	3.39	3.63
170⅛	157⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2011	167⅛	-⅛	3.44	3.65
140⅛	129⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2013	137⅛	-⅛	3.49	3.68
150⅛	137⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2016	147⅛	-⅛	3.51	3.69
144⅛	131⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2020	141⅛	-⅛	3.55	3.70
120⅛	109⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2024	117⅛xd	...	3.55	3.69
119⅛	108⅛	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	116⅛	-⅛	3.56	3.70

Source: Finstat

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 01895 250 783				
Grofund Amer	172.80	182.90	+ 0.70	0.24
Grofund Equity	248.00	263.80†	+ 1.80	2.30
Grofund Euro	215.70	228.20	- 2.30	0.13
Grofund Eqt Bd	118.40	120.70	..	3.03
Grofund Gth	74.76	77.07	- 1.01	5.24
Grofund Japan	142.90	151.30	- 1.80	..
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 01203 553 231				
Amer Acc	566.70	602.90	+ 0.40	2.83
General Inc	494.80	525.80	+ 0.30	3.83
UK Growth Acc	383.80	408.30†	+ 0.70	2.99
UK Growth Inc	259.10	275.70†	+ 0.50	2.99
Higher Inc Acc	707.60	752.80†	- 3.80	4.22
Higher Inc Inc	402.80	427.70†	- 2.20	4.22
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	191.20	201.90	- 2.60	6.05
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	90.22	95.29	- 1.25	6.05
Nth America	289.80	308.30†	+ 4.70	..
Europe	288.00	305.40	- 4.10	0.80
Bril Excell	76.40	81.28†	+ 0.12	3.12
Bril Fidelity Acc	105.40	112.30	- 0.90	4.67
Bril Fidelity Inc	75.57	80.40	- 0.61	4.67
Global Opps	87.81	93.21†	- 0.11	0.36
Balanced Acc	56.05	59.63	- 0.24	3.10
Balanced Inc	54.31	57.78	- 0.24	3.10
Japan Acc	42.38	45.09	- 0.77	..
Pac Basin Acc	365.90	389.30	- 2.30	0.64
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilt & Fixed Int	127.80	135.80†	- 1.90	7.37
High Inc Equity	166.50	178.10	- 0.40	4.42
Worldwide Bond	280.70	297.80†	- 2.60	4.97
Capital Growth				
American Growth	295.30	316.00	+ 4.70	.82
Asian Pacific	310.40	330.20	- 2.90	..
Assets & Earnings	271.60	288.80†	- 0.50	2.72
Currency & Energy	95.00	101.60	+ 1.73	1.3
Euro Capital Inc	139.30	148.90	- 1.50	.86
(Accum Units)	149.30	159.80	- 1.80	.85
General	242.90	258.40	+ 0.10	2.11
Japan	107.40	114.90	- 1.50	..
Multinational	141.20	151.00	- 1.50	1.79
UK Growth Dist	117.90	126.10	- 1.70	3.05
US Emerging Cos	139.20	148.90	+ 3.20	..
Income & Growth	395.70	432.00†	+ 0.30	2.98
Ethical	67.61	72.14†	+ 0.18	2.68
International	112.10	119.30	- 0.50	.86
Dividend & Growth	62.72	66.72	- 0.04	4.21
Global Gwth & Inc	67.37	72.51	+ 0.06	2.69
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£18.21	£18.56	+ 9.00	..
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	47.57	49.40	+ 0.24	0.52
Cash	50.09	50.09†	+ 0.04	5.84
Emerging Mkts	68.73	72.65	- 0.32	0.05
European	116.40	121.70	- 1.30	..
Exempt	982.40	£10.61	- 1.70	1.75
Extra Income	46.75	50.08†	- 0.21	6.02
Far East Emg Eco	118.20	124.90	- 0.40	0.50
Fixed Interest	22.57	23.69†	- 0.05	8.73
Fixed Inv Tst	167.40	178.10	- 1.00	8.84
Japan	170.70	179.30	- 0.90	..
Latin American	48.12	50.50	- 1.00	0.97
Pacific	75.26	79.32	- 0.11	0.33
Property Share	64.67	67.25	+ 0.01	1.93
UK Emerging Cos	83.94	87.12	+ 0.59	1.84
UK Growth	45.49	48.19	+ 0.04	2.44
Aber World Port	73.62	74.89†	- 0.35	2.19
Ethical	63.67	66.83†	- 0.10	2.64
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	49.36	49.38†	- 0.25	7.61
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 549 3232				
Select Portfolio	88.84	92.49†	- 0.52	..
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 01452 305 958				
Amity Income	76.07	80.71	- 0.12	2.53
Income Builder Inc	70.43	74.93†	- 0.72	2.95
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	241.60	258.20	+ 0.80	3.82
Capital	423.50	452.70	+ 2.50	1.83
Balanced	701.20	749.68†	+ 1.40	2.85
Accumulator	£13.21	£14.12	+ 9.00	2.87
Income Trusts				
American Income	49.58	53.00	- 0.20	3.38
High Income	407.60	435.90	- 0.80	3.54
Equity Income	231.00	246.90	+ 0.10	3.37
High Yield	245.40	262.30†	- 0.10	3.31
Govt Securities	33.18	35.62	- 0.35	6.05
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	156.90	167.70	+ 0.90	0.42
European Growth	36.32	38.72	- 0.25	0.01
International	157.20	168.10	- 1.00	0.20
Japan	171.40	182.50	- 5.20	0.01
Pacific	363.10	388.10	- 7.80	0.01
Secs of America	451.10	479.70†	+ 5.70	0.46
Wwide Asset Val	47.49	50.76	- 0.31	0.24
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	539.70	576.90†	..	2.21
Conv & Gilt	44.15	47.20	+ 0.46	4.92
Smaller Cos	171.10	182.80	+ 0.40	1.21
2nd Smaller Cos	162.10	173.20	+ 0.40	1.49
Recovery	142.20	152.00	- 0.50	1.72
Met Min & Cdty	150.80	161.20†	+ 0.90	0.74
Overs Earnings	361.20	386.10†	+ 2.10	1.75
Technology	178.00	190.20	+ 3.60	0.01
UK Special Sits	479.30	512.30	- 2.30	1.69
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Concd Del Pens	103.00	107.00	- 0.70	3.04
Foundtn Persl Pens	82.85	85.29	- 0.14	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0033				
Capital	73.12	77.79	- 0.65	2.13
International	63.09	67.12	- 0.88	..
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	283.50	283.50	- 1.70	..
Bond	113.80	119.80	- 1.60	6.90
Brit Smlr Cos	102.30	108.80	- 0.30	1.74
Conv & Gen	66.01	70.22†	+ 0.04	5.80
Europe	222.30	236.70	- 3.90	0.63
Euro Smlr Cos	100.60	108.90	- 0.90	0.60
Income Gwth	337.70	359.30	- 3.60	4.31
Japan	268.80	286.40	- 6.10	..
Latin American	64.88	69.02	- 1.06	..
Pacific	105.80	112.50	- 0.70	1.33
UK Smlr Cos	55.23	58.78	+ 0.15	1.33
Japan Fd	573.30	590.60	- 20.50	..
Mngd Fd	175.40	186.30	- 0.80	3.24
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Brit & Overs	295.40	310.90	- 1.20	0.99
Capital Gwth	114.00	120.00	+ 0.10	1.04
Wwide Oppc	184.50	194.20	- 1.40	1.05
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	355.50	370.30	- 0.70	2.91
European Bd Inc	91.92	95.17	- 0.60	7.16
Exempt	74.60	79.57	- 0.24	4.31
Financial	77.63	83.03†	+ 0.79	2.76
500.0	445.50	481.60	- 1.80	2.69
General	280.40	300.30	+ 0.50	2.86
Property	243.10	264.20†	- 0.40	6.39
Trustee	190.20	203.20	+ 1.00	2.40
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.90	100.90	+ 0.10	5.42
Extra Income	121.60	130.00	- 0.20	4.10
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.32	59.25†	- 0.81	8.55
Income	538.60	576.00	+ 6.60	3.96
Income Builder	63.91	67.99	- 0.11	4.70
Intl Income	63.64	67.70	- 0.30	3.50
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	122.00	130.30	+ 0.50	2.54
Leisure	131.00	140.10	+ 1.30	1.45
Recovery	429.50	459.40	- 5.40	2.82
Smlr Cos Inc	45.35	48.63	- 0.28	2.30
Special Sits	292.50	312.60	+ 2.70	1.67
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	132.30	140.30†	+ 0.30	0.60
Aust Acc	225.30	239.70	- 1.40	2.14
Aust Inc	137.40	146.20†	- 0.90	2.14
Euro Gwth Inc	154.60	164.20	- 1.70	1.05
(Accum Units)	165.50	175.70	- 1.90	1.05
Japan & Gen Inc	149.80	158.60	- 4.00	..
(Accum Units)	151.50	160.40	- 4.00	..
Japan Spec Sits	68.81	72.90	- 1.78	..
Univ Tech Inc	79.83	84.94	- 0.08	0.17
Worldwide	166.00	176.20	- 0.80	0.95
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 214 1004				
American Growth	96.94	102.70	+ 1.30	..
Amer Smlr Cos	138.30	147.70	+ 3.40	..
Convertibles	52.44	58.51†	- 0.35	5.70
Eastern	277.70	300.50	- 1.20	0.30
Equity Income	84.54	90.84	- 0.46	4.90
European Growth	306.10	324.60	- 4.70	0.80
Europe	225.50	239.10†	- 1.20	0.20
German Growth	76.91	81.53	- 0.53	0.50
Global Bond	63.72	67.06	- 0.87	8.20
Global Growth	124.10	132.30	- 0.60	..
Japan Growth	165.90	176.70	- 3.20	..
Japan Smaller	133.30	141.50	- 3.70	..
Korea Trust	71.17	78.18	- 0.14	..
Portfolio	131.30	140.50	- 0.70	2.10
(Accum Units)	241.50	258.50	- 1.20	2.10
UK Growth	82.37	89.03†	- 2.17	2.20
UK Smaller Cos	80.68	88.21	- 0.75	1.80
Select Managers	76.05	81.49	- 0.29	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	74.83	79.61	- 0.47	..
Special Opps Inc	54.94	58.45	- 1.32	..
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	110.58	117.02	- 1.56	1.87
(Accum Units)	125.45	132.75	- 1.77	1.87
Smaller Cos	109.11	115.46†	- 0.13	1.39
Higher Yield	45.67	48.32	- 0.81	4.39
American Gth Inc	74.10	78.42	- 0.13	..
European Growth	134.93	142.79	- 1.38	0.28
(Accum Units)	137.59	145.60	- 1.41	0.28
Global Bond Inc	25.38	27.33†	- 0.25	7.14
Mngd Ptflo Inc	41.91	44.12	- 0.98	1.49
(Accum Units)	42.72	44.97	- 0.91	1.49
Inv Spec Opps	116.88	123.47	- 0.64	..
Pacific Grth	125.77	133.09	- 2.84	..
Formerly LAS				
UK General	77.37	81.87†	- 1.35	3.60
(Accum Units)	80.58	85.27	+ 0.06	3.60
Japan	52.14	55.18	- 1.80	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	96.17	99.85†	- 1.32	8.16
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 460 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.23	65.06	- 0.43	6.40
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5060				
Ethical	159.40	169.60†	- 0.20	1.78
UK Growth	175.30	188.50	+ 0.60	2.31
UK Income	134.30	142.90	- 0.50	4.41
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD 01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	191.90	203.40	- 0.50	1.95
-do- Income Dist	108.70	115.30†	- 0.40	4.34
(Accum Units)	335.30	355.40	- 1.20	4.34
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.06	42.46	- 0.74	6.41
Growth Units	206.40	220.80	- 0.70	2.25
Bond	171.80	180.70	- 2.40	8.54
Intl Growth	207.60	221.90	- 1.20	0.41
North American	195.60	208.40	+ 0.60	0.37
Far East	272.10	281.00	- 2.60	0.81
UK Smaller Cos	177.90	190.30	- 1.20	1.66
European	83.20	88.42	- 0.90	0.36
Japanese Growth	43.23	46.05	- 1.76	..
High Income	194.20	207.80	- 0.30	4.14
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7438 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	162.82	173.20	+ 0.70	..
European Inc	80.15	84.80	- 0.86	0.54
Smaller Cos (4-1)	83.09	88.49	+ 0.52	1.96
Growth	435.30	463.18	+ 3.10	2.19
Income & Growth	418.50	445.90	- 0.20	3.88
(Accum Units)	587.20	635.40	- 0.30	3.88
Japan & Gen	63.52	67.30	- 1.68	..
Master Portfolio	£108.73	£104.33	- 13.00	2.47
(Accum Units)	£120.82	£125.14	- 14.80	2.47
Special Sits	99.98	105.37	+ 0.12	2.17
High Yield	£13.33	£13.75†	- 0.08	4.41
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	85.82	91.58	- 0.02	2.49
American Portfolio	95.82	102.12†	+ 1.21	1.15
European Portfolio	99.46	105.94	- 0.15	0.63
Japanese Portfolio	58.31	61.92	- 0.05	..

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Pacific Portfolio	136.88	147.17†	- 0.69	0.89
UK Inc & Growth	77.53	83.20	+ 0.07	3.72
Utility & Bond	54.87	55.57	- 0.13	5.91
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	667.59	691.80	- 8.85	4.54
Fxd In Sec	151.40	162.00	- 3.36	8.47
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0171 332 5808				
UK General Tst	65.34	69.51	- 0.05	2.89
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD 0171 588 1815				
Inc	676.76	692.28	..	4.59
Accum	£29.04	£29.32	..	..
Fixed Int Inc	124.95	125.23	..	8.18
Fixed Int Acc	201.55	202.08	..	..
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 0171 837 7867				
Intl Growth	110.24	120.87†	- 3.44	..
UK Income	107.84	117.30†	- 0.32	5.68
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	84.67	88.83	- 1.07	2.74
Beck Bio-Tech	30.40	32.22†	+ 2.13	..
Acorn Ethical Tst	149.18	156.61†	+ 1.42	0.89
City Fin Assets	78.71	78.12	- 0.35	1.65
City Fin America	90.87	95.42	- 1.20	..
City Fin Intl	77.42	82.81†	- 1.01	1.44
City Fin Japan	141.14	148.21	- 8.05	..
Friars Hse Cap	275.91	298.83	- 3.21	1.85
Friars Hse Inc	192.16	208.38†	- 0.85	4.04
Buckley Wrld Gth	122.59	129.84	- 1.81	..
Falemmi Cap Gth	133.47	142.08†	- 1.58	..
Falemmi Intl	143.90	153.69†	- 2.46	..
J Sid Inc/Sth Inc	53.97	57.34†	- 0.67	4.28
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	55.53	58.92	- 0.75	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	82.71	87.07	+ 0.39	..
Alloc Mngd Gwth	35.76	38.34	- 0.09	0.59
Dragon Growth	66.61	71.24	- 0.32	0.52
Equity High Inc	83.96	89.32†	- 0.70	4.64
(Accum Units)	115.04	122.38	- 0.95	4.64
Extra Income Inc	25.62	27.18	- 0.18	5.53
Extra Income Acc	28.13	27.50	- 0.18	5.53
European Gwth	52.42	55.77	- 0.78	1.20
Evergreen	27.78	28.89	+ 8.04	..
General Equity	86.83	91.92	- 0.17	2.85
Japan Growth	44.05	47.11	- 1.36	..
Pedigree Gwth	52.63	55.89	+ 0.07	2.79
Pref Sm Cos Inc	30.67	32.63	+ 0.01	1.46
(Accum Units)	32.18	34.15	+ 0.01	1.46
Retirement Inc	26.15	27.82	- 0.20	5.51
Special Sits	43.43	46.86	+ 0.18	2.17
UK & Overseas	48.83	51.95	- 0.07	1.32
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 898 000				
Capital	70.07	74.28	- 0.22	1.99
Income	83.35	87.15	- 0.48	4.01
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	160.22	170.45	- 1.11	5.13
Fixed & Convertible	39.91	42.46	+ 0.23	7.63
Monthly Inc Plus	47.14	50.15	- 0.37	8.93
Preference Share	45.04	47.91	- 0.09	7.85
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	124.31	132.24	+ 0.14	6.14
Managed Fund	67.99	72.33	- 0.38	3.25
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	38.53	40.99	- 0.03	1.98
(Accum Units)	44.85	47.71	- 0.03	1.98
UK & General	81.80	87.02	- 0.04	2.93
(Accum Units)	103.68	110.30	- 0.05	2.93
UK Growth	150.66	160.28	+ 0.30	2.52
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	191.91	204.16	- 3.36	0.12
Far Eastern Gth	122.05	129.84	- 1.02	..
Global Bond	78.80	83.81	- 0.78	6.16
Japan Growth	102.07	108.54	- 1.17	..
North Amer Gth	176.38	187.62	+ 1.80	..
Oriental Growth	76.27	81.14	- 0.52	0.07
Worldwide Growth	64.29	68.38	- 0.26	0.86
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.32	92.32	+ 0.08	5.85
Homemaker Fund	80.04	85.15	+ 0.66	1.77
Quilter Fund	131.60	140.08	- 0.79	2.31
For Confederation see Sun Life of Canada				
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	31.34	33.58	- 0.30	3.31
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	147.90	157.40†	- 2.20	1.46
Income	68.90	73.30	- 0.86	4.85
European	62.24	66.22†	- 0.97	0.87
Recovery	160.70	171.00	- 0.80	1.91
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	838.80	853.30†	+ 10.40	3.64
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	78.79	83.81	+ 0.48	0.44
Income	243.60	259.10	- 0.70	4.49
(Accum Units)	612.30	651.30	- 1.80	4.49
Smaller Cos	169.10	179.80	+ 0.60	0.57
(Accum Units)	206.60	219.70	+ 0.70	0.58
Inv Portfolio	82.80	88.19	+ 0.49	1.36
High Inc Port	71.25	75.79	- 0.12	4.58
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.59	£16.09	- 2.30	..
Japan Small Cos	£10.20	£10.38	- 77.10	..
UK Small Cos	£18.01	£18.78	- 7.00	..
US Small Cos	£16.79	£17.28	- 5.90	..
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	206.90	217.80†		2.93
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	279.20	295.00†	- 3.80	0.72
New Asia	213.90	227.90	- 2.40	0.15
Japan Growth	98.94	105.50	- 2.60	..
Jap Smlr Co	383.60	408.20	- 13.40	..
Nth Amer	281.90	298.60	- 0.70	0.80
Shild Asia Pac Mt				
UK Inc & Gth	217.50	232.40	- 1.20	2.87
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	144.30	153.50†	..	1.74
UK High Inc Inc	153.60	163.40†	- 0.40	4.41
(Accum Units)	200.40	213.20†	- 0.60	4.41
UK Pref & F I Inc	57.24	60.72†	- 0.77	5.16
Eventrnd Opps	88.61	94.48	+ 0.53	.99
UK Smlr Cos	53.12	56.51	+ 0.19	..
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 050 526				
American	128.20	137.10	- 1.30	1.28
Convertibles	20.55	21.88†	- 0.06	6.41
Equity Income	126.80	134.70	- 0.70	3.93
EuroFund	46.45	49.26	- 0.50	0.41
Financial	44.77	47.57	- 0.38	1.58
Growth & Inc	242.10	257.20	- 0.20	2.99
High Dist	158.50	166.30†	+ 0.60	4.51
International	382.20	406.10	- 3.60	0.12
Inv Cap Inc	94.57	101.00	- 1.10	2.72
Latin American	25.61	28.77	- 0.62	..
Pacific	79.66	84.64	- 0.72	..
Preference Share	21.63	22.98	- 0.16	7.18
Tokyo	192.80	205.20	- 4.80	..
UK Smaller Cos	228.70	243.60†	- 0.50	1.13
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
Ebor Trust	215.00	229.40		0.88
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	201.30	214.60	- 2.50	0.94
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480				
European	81.44	86.73†	- 0.93	1.98
Ethical Tst	41.66	43.85	+ 0.02	1.39
Far Eastern	287.74	302.88	- 3.54	1.98
High Income	131.15	138.05†	- 0.74	4.91
Intl Growth	116.47	122.60	- 0.41	1.08
North American	115.57	121.65	+ 1.40	1.35
Pelican	118.86	125.12	+ 0.58	3.42
Smaller Cos	64.64	68.04†	- 0.37	2.90
Special Sits	87.03	91.61		7.57
Tst of Inv Tsts	183.26	192.90	- 0.76	1.69
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	187.77	199.76	- 8.31	1.55
Smaller Cos Acc	330.04	351.11	- 18.39	1.55
Recovery	46.91	49.89†	- 2.02	1.97
Recovery Acc	47.76	50.81†	- 2.06	1.97
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Balanced	110.06	117.08†	- 1.16	5.94
Capital Growth	83.67	88.94	- 0.52	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	44.49	47.46	- 0.15	0.61
High Income	41.57	44.55	- 0.41	10.33
Warrant	52.23	56.77	- 0.33	..
Zero Preference	38.46	40.81†	- 0.17	..
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	79.38	84.45	- 0.25	2.71
Family Income Tst	45.21	46.21	- 0.57	6.14
Family Trust	87.19	92.75	- 2.08	2.08
United Charities	266.30	283.20	- 3.30	4.31
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	..	5.88
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.20	27.32†	- 0.34	7.20
Intl Bond	29.74	30.86	- 0.20	4.85
Income Funds				
High Income	24.09	25.35†	- 0.12	4.78
Income Plus	110.50	117.50†	- 0.40	3.88
Amer Eq Inc	48.67	51.54	+ 0.21	1.72
European Income	43.65	46.42	- 0.22	1.21
Far East Inc	64.23	68.31†	- 0.31	3.33
Global Convertible	22.27	23.76†	- 0.18	3.19
UK Div Gth	25.14	26.74	- 0.02	1.79
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	65.10	69.45	- 0.50	..
American	262.70	279.30	+ 2.90	..
Amer Spec Sits	125.50	133.90	+ 3.20	..
Japan Smaller Cos	31.41	33.51	- 1.39	..
European	177.00	188.20	- 0.60	..
European Opps	63.84	67.66	- 0.71	..
Global Ptfs	28.41	30.09	+ 0.20	0.52
UK Growth	93.34	99.25	+ 0.03	..
Growth & Inc	145.20	154.40	- 0.10	1.83
Intl PEP	37.70	40.08†	+ 0.04	..
Japan Spec Sits	77.82	82.92	- 2.59	..
Japan	166.40	177.00	- 4.80	..
Managed Intl	277.90	295.70	+ 0.70	..
MoneyBuilder	52.97	56.33	- 0.11	..
Recovery	47.47	50.48	- 0.09	..
South E Asia	155.00	165.40	+ 1.60	..
Special Sits	521.20	554.20	+ 0.20	..
Special Funds				
Cash Accum Units	109.73	109.73	+ 0.09	5.80
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2700				
Balanced	137.70	140.20	- 1.40	1.63
Inc Ptflo	85.52	87.14†	- 0.50	3.41
Cap Ptflo	144.00	146.40	- 0.40	1.53
General Oppc	122.00	124.40†	- 0.60	3.66
Growth Inc	30.99	31.64†	+ 0.00	1.69
Private Portfolio	418.70	427.50	- 3.00	1.85
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
European	115.40	121.90	- 1.20	0.34
Emrg Asian	162.50	173.80	- 2.70	..
High Income	21.17	22.38†	- 0.06	10.05
UK Growth	108.80	116.40	- 0.40	1.85
UK Income	106.20	113.10†	- 0.80	3.73
US Smaller Cos	319.80	342.00	+ 4.40	0.14
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
-do- Inv Tst Inc	76.46	80.40	- 0.63	3.45
Investment Tracr	92.50	97.27	- 0.63	..
UK Smaller Cos	83.87	88.19	- 0.12	0.93

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 374 4100				
American Growth	80.05	84.13	+ 0.56	..
(Accum Units)	80.05	84.13	+ 0.56	..
Amer Smlr Cos	508.10	541.38	+ 6.88	..
(Accum Units)	517.00	552.80	+ 6.18	..
Capital Tst	313.00	332.90†	- 0.30	1.61
(Accum Units)	450.10	478.70†	- 0.40	1.61
Conti Smlr Cos	80.19	84.38†	- 0.49	0.56
(Accum Units)	63.53	67.83†	- 0.52	0.56
Convertible	125.00	133.80	- 2.00	5.87
(Accum Units)	257.80	274.20	+ 0.30	5.87
Emerging Markets	65.20	69.72	- 0.90	0.23
(Accum Units)	65.91	69.77†	- 0.91	0.23
European	120.80	127.40†	- 1.20	0.13
(Accum Units)	128.10	133.90†	- 1.20	0.13
Extra Income	342.50	364.20	- 2.40	3.94
(Accum Units)	514.40	547.10	- 3.70	3.94
Financial	125.50	135.20†	+ 0.40	0.30
(Accum Units)	133.30	143.10†	+ 0.50	0.30
Gilt Trust	62.53	64.47	- 1.35	6.84
(Accum Units)	88.71	92.58	- 1.98	6.84
Health Fund Inc	144.70	154.50†	+ 3.70	..
(Accum Units)	144.70	154.50†	+ 3.70	..
Income & Growth	193.00	205.38†	- 1.20	3.32
(Accum Units)	295.90	314.80†	- 1.90	3.32
Intl Growth	358.80	382.40†	+ 1.00	..
(Accum Units)	399.30	424.60†	+ 1.10	..
Japan & Gen	150.70	161.00	- 3.80	..
(Accum Units)	152.20	162.70	- 3.80	..
Monthly Inc	165.18	175.50†	- 0.70	3.69
Managed Ptf Inc	104.00	109.50	- 0.50	1.73
(Accum Units)	111.70	117.80	- 0.59	1.73
Quarterly Income	52.82	56.47†	- 0.27	4.58
(Accum Units)	57.08	61.26†	- 0.29	4.58
Recovery	330.30	353.10	+ 0.10	0.13
(Accum Units)	388.80	415.70	+ 0.10	0.13
UK Growth	54.33	58.01†	- 0.07	2.79
(Accum Units)	57.82	61.53†	- 0.05	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP American	47.62	50.65	+ 0.37	0.77
FP Am Smlr Cos	122.70	131.35	+ 1.80	0.0
FP Asian Growth	258.40	276.30†	- 1.80	0.0
FP Australian	309.70	332.20	- 0.30	0.0
FP Equity Dist	389.90	414.70†	..	2.53
-do- Accum	835.00	888.30†	..	2.53
FP Euro Gth	212.20	225.70	- 1.80	0.50
(Accum Units)	230.60	245.30	- 2.10	0.50
FP Intl Bond	56.80	61.34	- 0.59	5.17
FP Intl Gilt Dist	92.64	98.55	- 0.27	0.71
-do- Accum	98.92	103.10	- 0.30	0.71
FP Pac Basin Acc	197.30	210.90	- 1.40	..
FP Income	54.85	57.65†	- 0.55	5.23
(Accum Units)	178.30	190.10	- 1.90	5.23
FP Jap Smlr Cos	271.20	289.28	- 10.80	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	71.10	75.88†	- 0.67	5.65
FP Stlg Deposit	100.80	100.80	..	6.25
FP Tokyo	78.74	83.98	- 1.24	0.0
FP UK Focus	38.14	38.88	- 0.14	1.96
FP UK Growth	174.20	185.80	- 0.40	2.85
(Accum Units)	337.40	359.80	- 0.80	2.85
Stewardship Dist	342.10	363.90†	- 1.30	1.69
-do- Accum	422.40	449.30†	- 1.70	1.69
Stewship Inc Dist	72.23	76.84†	+ 0.01	3.47
-do- Accum	94.76	100.80†	..	3.47
N Am Stshp Dist	100.30	106.60	+ 1.60	0.78
-do- Accum	105.80	113.30	+ 1.70	0.78
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	107.40	114.20†	- 3.20	1.01
Open Cap Gth Acc	110.10	117.10†	- 1.30	0.22
Cap Gth Inc Inc	105.10	111.80	- 1.70	2.34
Cap Gth Inc Acc	107.60	114.40	- 1.60	2.34
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	108.49	115.30	- 1.20	2.89
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	111.10	118.10	- 1.30	2.89
NM Unit Trusts				
Intl	32.16	34.32†	- 0.10	0.95
(Accum Units)	46.64	49.77	- 0.24	0.95
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	243.60	257.60†	+ 0.70	2.39
Cash	48.52	50.26†	+ 0.04	5.29
Growth Portfolio	77.21	81.84	- 0.69	1.06
Income Portfolio	64.03	67.71†	- 0.23	4.55
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	193.20	206.60	- 0.20	1.86
Dividend	90.91	97.23	- 0.62	3.40
Intl Gth & Inc	225.20	240.90	+ 0.60	3.15
UK & Gen	45.50	48.73	+ 0.52	1.37
Fund of Funds	63.32	67.72	- 0.56	..
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	198.10	211.80	+ 2.90	..
European	574.50	613.30	- 5.70	0.31
Far East & Gen	233.20	249.50	- 0.60	..
Germany	119.10	126.20	+ 0.30	..
Income Inc	154.40	165.20	+ 1.10	4.53
(Accum Units)	165.90	178.50	+ 1.20	4.53
International	303.60	324.70	- 5.30	..
Intl Income	80.82	85.73†	- 0.60	4.18
Japan & General	360.90	383.70	+ 2.40	..
Korean Securities	61.20	65.46	- 0.37	..
Smlr Cos Div Inc	45.00	48.13	- 0.73	4.99
UK Capital Inc	167.50	179.20	- 0.50	1.34
UK Capital Acc	292.80	313.20	- 1.10	1.34
UK Spec Sits	81.92	87.62	+ 0.09	0.76
US & General	145.10	154.30†	+ 1.90	..
Wwide Spec Sits	136.10	145.60	- 1.60	..
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Digs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	49.84	53.24	+ 0.03	2.40
Cash Trust	138.32	138.32†	+ 0.11	5.76
Practical Inv Inc	115.62	123.66	- 0.12	3.19
(Accum Units)	264.32	282.70	- 0.26	3.19
UK Index	153.12	154.67	- 0.10	3.47
UK Smaller Cos	126.68	135.49	- 2.94	0.75
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.35	25.23	- 0.20	9.20
High Income	32.98	35.27†	- 0.44	5.16
UK Equity Income	135.79	145.23	- 0.34	3.31
Global Bond	28.67	29.71†	- 0.46	4.48
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	44.72	47.83	- 0.78	
Global Inc & Gth	127.95	136.26	- 1.01	1.69
Gold & Intl Res	99.54	106.45†	+ 1.34	..
Global Utilities	128.01	136.85†	- 1.68	1.53
Overseas Funds				
American	150.11	159.53†	+ 1.09	1.18
European	104.97	111.30	- 0.97	1.17
Euro Sel Opps	153.68	163.18	- 1.27	
Amer Emerging	110.01	117.66	+ 3.59	
Hong Kong	139.46	149.18	- 0.07	1.55
Japan	214.97	228.29	- 3.15	..
Pacific Growth	216.40	231.44†	- 1.42	1.39
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	218.79	218.79	- 0.38	2.08
Long Term Bal	235.28	235.28	- 4.56	3.23
Med Term Bal	202.84	202.84	- 1.47	3.50
UK Equity	251.61	251.61†	+ 1.28	2.63
UK Emerging Cos	145.80	145.80†	- 0.85	2.16
American	247.31	247.31	- 0.27	1.63
Japan	192.67	192.67	- 1.54	..
European	271.79	271.79	- 3.02	1.17
Index Linked Gilt	174.54	174.54†	- 2.01	2.88
Fixed Interest	159.61	159.61†	- 3.67	6.75
Amer Emerging	275.66	275.66	+ 5.04	
Pacific	231.81	231.81†	- 1.42	1.03
Emerging Mkts	118.24	118.24	- 2.95	0.51
Index Strat Japan	140.68	140.68	- 2.17	0.37
-do- Pacific Rim	184.65	184.65	- 1.14	1.35
-do- Cont Europe	156.12	156.12	- 0.42	1.85
Index Strat USA	143.08	143.08	+ 1.06	2.16
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	103.13	109.71	- 0.18	
Med Term Bal	96.44	102.60	- 0.74	
Long Term Bal	107.35	114.21	- 0.46	..
UK Equity	116.20	123.65	+ 0.63	.
UK Emerging Cos	68.50	72.88	- 0.32	..
American	114.61	121.92	- 0.13	..
Japan	49.18	52.32	- 0.78	
European	112.96	120.19	- 1.34	
Fixed Interest	80.60	85.80	- 1.97	.
Index Linked Gilt	77.45	82.39	- 0.95	..
Deposit	81.55	86.75	+ 0.07	..
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Grth	116.00	123.40	- 1.60	..
Berkeley Income	112.10	119.30†	- 2.00	4.40
BWH Intl	138.34	145.62	- 2.47	0.58
Brcell Gth Port Inc	81.53	84.84	- 0.62	0.80
-do- Inc Port Inc	57.60	60.79	- 0.82	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	52.91	55.84†	- 0.58	0.10
Shaw Utilities	55.89	58.99†	+ 0.65	2.70
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
£ Intl Inc	548.32	583.32	- 5.34	1.71
(Accum Units)	609.84	648.77	- 5.93	1.71
European Inc	148.77	158.27	- 0.34	1.42
Amalgam Inc	144.29	152.80	- 0.58	..
N America Inc	332.84	354.08	+ 0.54	..
Far East Inc	321.74	342.15	- 19.22	..
(Accum Units)	333.23	354.50	- 19.77	
UK Divid Inc	180.77	192.31	- 0.80	3.84
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7886				
UK Equity Inc	89.75	95.97	- 0.51	4.93
UK Small Dec	49.38	52.78	- 2.08	1.82
British Growth	50.61	50.53†	- 0.38	2.81
American Gwth	183.27	196.00	+ 4.78	..
Japan Gwth	61.74	65.87	- 1.89	..
Greater China	178.27	190.65	- 2.44	..
Pacific Strategy	150.11	160.53	- 3.39	..
European Gwth	88.86	94.52	- 0.18	0.29
Intl Growth	145.32	155.41	- 1.13	..
US Index (£)	14.19	14.95	+ 0.11	4.60
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	76.53	81.85	- 1.28	2.48
Monthly Income	38.08	40.58†	- 0.09	8.90
MIS Unit Trust Dealing 071 865 0033				
Gnd UK Index (£)	11.54	12.18	+ 0.00	3.90
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	87.80	93.41	- 5.35	1.64
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 538 9668				
European	495.60	529.40†	- 2.60	0.49
Gilt & Fixed	127.30	135.00	- 2.40	5.69
Growth Equity	338.80	361.90†	+ 1.00	1.80
Income Trust	131.70	140.60†	- 2.00	3.04
International	180.80	193.10	+ 9.10	0.17
Japan Trust	118.50	126.50	- 1.70	..
Nth American	274.70	293.40	+ 1.80	0.13
Pacific	546.10	583.40	- 2.50	..
Guardhill	512.90	547.90	+ 0.80	1.75
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2129				
Gilt Trust	99.89	103.69	- 1.59	7.46
Global High Inc	98.06	101.83	- 0.96	6.89
Prem Fixed Inc	104.26	108.23	- 1.53	8.32
Eqty & Bond Inc	105.69	113.37	- 0.74	5.05
European Growth	105.90	112.66	- 1.01	..
Intl PEP Trust	61.82	65.73	- 0.54	..
High Income	125.56	133.50†	- 0.54	3.89
-do- Accum	175.83	186.10	- 0.75	3.89
Recovery	378.80	400.90	- 8.50	1.77
(Accum Units)	438.10	465.80	- 9.60	1.77
St Vinc High Inc	122.65	124.48	- 1.39	7.18
UK Emerging Cos	246.00	261.50†	- 0.10	1.94
UK Small Cos	361.10	367.50	+ 1.20	2.83
Gold Ptfo Tst	94.87	100.87	- 0.82	0.94
(Accum Units)	95.76	101.82	- 0.83	0.94
Inc Share Tst	89.81	95.49†	- 0.98	8.33
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	27.21	28.85	- 0.01	1.68
Growth Acc	27.21	28.85	- 0.01	1.68
Income	26.76	28.37†	- 0.12	3.55
Income Acc	27.15	28.79†	- 0.12	3.55
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Mngd Ptflio	209.20	222.00	- 0.70	2.47
Smaller Cos	31.52	33.53	- 0.14	1.13
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries: 01277 263 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	307.90	323.44	- 4.72	1.61
Best of British	65.58	69.70†	- 0.32	2.92
UK Smaller Cos	125.07	134.44	- 4.75	1.98
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	280.90	299.14†	- 1.19	3.71
(Accum Units)	781.52	817.37	- 3.33	3.71
High Income	321.48	341.63†	- 5.57	4.24
Extra Income	279.45	297.19†	- 3.89	5.73
Pref & Bond	45.75	49.17†	- 1.80	8.98
International				
International	268.44	275.11	- 0.26	0.71
Global Bond	52.70	55.99†	- 0.65	6.68
Intl Port Tst	82.25	87.96†	- 0.56	0.80
Global Tech	186.20	198.61†	+ 4.28	..
Overseas Funds				
Asian Emerging	177.26	183.54†	- 1.09	0.26
European	483.46	512.13†	- 6.43	1.46
European Income	83.99	88.92	- 0.95	2.59

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	159.43	164.62	- 1.48	0.66
Far Sp Sits	71.71	76.03	- 0.69	0.78
(Accum Units)	78.82	82.40	- 0.11	0.78
Japan Trust	171.28	182.61	- 3.79	..
Japan Special Sits	176.88	188.28	- 0.62	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	221.77	237.28	- 4.98	..
North American	244.06	259.61	+ 1.87	0.40
American Smaller	111.29	118.96	+ 0.38	..
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	99.80	105.60†	- 0.20	2.22
Capital	175.50	183.70	- 0.80	1.64
Dollar	365.80	382.80†	+ 5.20	..
Enterprise Gth	337.60	353.80	- 1.50	1.70
European	231.80	242.70	- 3.60	0.98
Far East	314.90	329.70	- 2.40	0.47
Financial	840.10	879.80	- 6.10	1.83
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.62	26.85	- 0.35	7.36
High Yield	103.10	107.90†	- 0.60	4.04
Income & Growth	144.20	150.60†	- 1.20	3.35
International	253.10	265.00	- 2.60	0.02
Japanese General	191.00	199.40	- 5.00	..
Japan Tech	72.16	75.50	- 1.13	..
Nat Resources	69.74	73.02	+ 1.00	..
Portfolio	71.82	75.20†	- 0.51	1.39
Smaller Cos	131.90	138.10	- 0.40	1.55
Special Sits	153.80	161.00	+ 0.10	1.48
UK Emerging Cos	94.48	98.83	+ 0.36	0.99
US Smaller Cos	91.15	95.44†	- 0.14	..
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers: 0800 181 890 Inv: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced	102.70	109.60†	- 0.70	3.00
Capital	601.10	641.50	- 3.00	2.06
Income	573.90	612.50	- 4.60	5.04
Footsie Fund	55.14	55.42†	+ 0.10	2.97
Wide Index	109.30	116.60	- 0.90	2.02
UK Index	143.10	152.70	- 0.10	3.10
International Funds				
American Growth	502.00	535.80	+ 5.40	0.31
American Index	215.20	229.10	+ 1.40	1.15
European Growth	113.70	121.20	- 1.90	0.26
Eurotrack 100	163.10	173.30	- 2.20	0.58
Global Bond	21.82	23.01	- 0.16	5.57
Japan Growth	255.20	271.70	- 3.60	..
Japan Index	75.24	80.30	- 1.25	0.19
Japan Smlr Cos	28.98	30.94	- 0.96	..
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	58.37	63.56	..	0.23
Hong Kong Gwth	101.40	108.20	+ 0.20	1.12
Spore & Mlysn Gth	78.73	84.02†	+ 0.39	..
Tiger Index	199.70	213.10	- 3.20	1.40
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	31.62	32.87	- 0.26	0.65
General Funds				
Managed	72.49	75.35†	- 0.41	1.25
Rupert Child Fnd	88.24	91.73	- 0.16	2.15
UK Growth	61.32	63.74†	- 0.27	2.27
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	83.93	87.25	- 0.91	6.52
Gilt & Fixed Int	26.11	26.93†	- 0.78	7.98
UK Inc & Gwth	41.38	42.90	- 0.30	3.47
UK Income	340.80	353.40	- 5.20	4.96
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	58.66	62.54	+ 0.76	0.18
Amer Smlr Cos	121.20	126.08†	+ 4.00	..
(Accum Units)	122.50	127.30†	+ 3.90	..
Europe Gth	157.60	163.50	- 1.70	..
(Accum Units)	162.90	169.00	- 1.90	..
Euro Smaller Cos	29.48	30.84	- 0.11	..
French Growth	79.19	82.31	- 1.53	0.46
Accum Units	84.95	88.50	- 1.64	0.46
H Kong & China	77.69	80.73	- 0.53	1.83
Intl Growth	57.68	59.96	- 0.39	0.54
(Accum Units)	58.18	60.48	- 0.40	0.54
Japan Gth	29.18	30.31†	- 0.27	..
Accum Units	29.18	30.31†	- 0.27	..
Japan Smaller Cos	31.19	32.42	- 1.52	..
Glob Emg Mkts	93.71	97.41	- 1.36	..
Accum Units	94.38	98.11	- 1.39	..
SE Asia	320.80	333.50	- 1.90	0.14
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	55.86	57.59†	- 0.54	5.52
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
American Cap	144.80	154.00	+ 7.80	..
Income	150.73	160.92	+ 0.36	3.59
UK Growth	59.71	63.51	+ 0.46	0.65
International	77.23	82.15	- 0.35	0.08
Ecology	82.78	88.04	+ 0.51	1.22
European	128.20	136.16	- 1.18	..
Far Eastern	288.30	304.60	- 2.80	..
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7364				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	49.44	52.60†	- 0.55	7.98
Gilt Yield	114.10	120.30†	- 1.80	6.47
Global Income	209.60	223.00†	- 1.50	4.40
High Yield	138.80	147.70	- 1.30	5.00



	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
(Accum Units)	424.80	451.90	- 4.10	6.00
Smlr Cos Div	51.87	55.18†	- 0.11	3.04
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	96.55	102.70	+ 1.09	..
North American	80.89	86.05	+ 0.23	0.28
European Special	116.40	123.80	- 0.90	0.12
European	156.20	166.20†	- 2.30	0.47
(Accum Units)	205.80	218.90†	- 3.10	0.47
Global Eqty Inc	104.70	111.40	- 0.40	1.08
Japan	360.50	383.50	- 9.80	..
Japanese Special	188.00	200.00	- 7.20	..
Master Accum	235.90	251.00	- 1.80	0.55
Pacific	316.70	336.90	- 7.70	.
(Accum Units)	371.50	395.20	- 9.00	..
Smaller Cos	109.40	116.40†	- 0.70	1.28
UK Equity Growth	38.55	41.01	- 0.43	1.58
UK Index Inc	283.70	287.20	- 0.70	4.00
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 588 2860				
Income	615.70	628.30	- 5.30	5.68
Intl & General	411.80	420.20	- 5.30	0.33
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	260.77	277.42†	- 1.44	5.45
Inc & Growth Inc	56.19	59.78	- 0.30	4.53
Smaller Cos	57.58	61.26	.	1.45
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	248.00	263.89†	- 0.40	1.96
High Income	109.00	115.90	- 1.10	4.31
International	97.23	103.40	- 0.50	0.65
Recovery Trust	67.28	71.57†	- 0.66	2.03
European Trust	81.49	86.69	- 1.13	1.03
Japanese Trust	38.97	41.45	- 0.56	..
American Trust	92.88	98.80	+ 1.40	0.03
Managed	67.38	71.68	- 0.26	0.76
Cash	50.43	50.43	+ 0.04	4.77
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01277 690 432				
UK Cap	379.30	405.70	- 1.50	2.52
UK Inc/Gth	409.20	437.10	- 0.20	3.16
UK Income	268.00	289.20†	- 1.80	3.94
UK Sm Cos	240.30	260.70	- 1.50	1.87
Euro Gwth	120.50	128.50	- 1.80	..
N Amer Gwth	90.20	95.95	+ 0.80	0.25
Japan Growth	59.55	63.36	- 0.81	..
Money Mkt	124.79	124.79	+ 0.26	5.50
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 380 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	491.00	522.30	- 0.20	2.87
(Accum Units)	975.70	£10.38	..	2.87
Equity Income	101.30	107.80	- 0.50	3.89
UK Tactical Allocn	58.13	61.73†	- 0.18	3.72
European	121.30	129.00	- 1.90	1.10
Far Eastern	207.50	220.70	- 1.70	..
Fixed Interest	51.44	54.71†	- 0.75	7.37
Gilt	87.82	93.11	- 1.91	6.81
Global Growth	71.94	76.53†	- 0.66	0.67
Intl Bond	53.35	56.78	- 0.32	4.84
Japanese	84.10	89.19	- 0.97	..
North American	153.40	163.20	+ 1.50	1.10
Pacific Growth	111.00	118.10	- 0.50	0.42
UK Index	64.65	68.24	- 0.05	3.14
UK Recovery	94.20	100.30	- 0.20	1.86
UK Smaller Cos	125.80	133.80	- 0.30	1.49
US Index	64.89	67.84†	+ 0.56	1.64
European Index	77.62	81.92	- 1.03	1.75
Japan Index	38.67	41.02	- 0.68	0.05
Worldwide	83.37	88.69†	- 0.36	1.67
LINCOLN NATIONAL 0181 802 8876 Dealing: 0800 262 621				
Growth	51.97	55.68	+ 0.10	2.18
Income	59.57	63.71	- 0.42	3.01
Far East	50.27	53.77	- 0.12	0.12
North American	106.70	114.10	+ 3.40	..
Global	94.72	101.38	+ 0.70	0.34
European	89.35	95.66	- 0.39	0.74
Japan	94.58	101.20	- 2.80	..
Intl Currency Bd	61.05	64.77	- 0.44	4.34
SE Asia	101.20	108.26	+ 0.70	..
UK Cap Growth	94.44	101.00	- 0.50	1.56
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	359.50	372.90	- 4.20	2.86
-do- Acc	807.40	859.00	- 9.70	2.86
Cons Euro Gth	67.20	70.74	- 0.71	1.18
-do- Acc	71.81	75.59	- 0.75	1.18
Extra Inc	258.30	274.80†	- 4.30	4.06
-do- Acc	683.10	726.80	- 11.40	4.06
FTSE 100 Inc	104.90	111.70	+ 0.59	3.10
FTSE 100 Acc	104.90	111.70	+ 0.60	3.10
German Gth	134.30	141.40	- 0.19	..
-do- Acc	140.30	148.40	- 0.10	..
Growth Port	557.40	593.80	- 9.80	0.27
-do- Acc	568.70	602.90	- 10.00	0.27
Hi Reserve Inc	183.30	189.80†	- 1.80	8.63
Hi Reserve Acc	104.60	111.30	- 1.00	8.63
Income	495.30	527.00	- 1.20	3.61
-do- Acc	£13.54	£14.41	- 4.00	3.61
Income Port	522.60	556.00	- 2.60	3.87

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
-do- Acc	559.20	594.90	- 2.80	3.87
Japan Growth	95.08	101.10	- 1.90	..
-do- Acc	95.33	101.50	- 1.90	..
Master Trust	58.08	61.71†	- 1.36	1.41
-do- Acc	65.88	70.10	- 0.31	1.41
N American Gwth	187.60	199.60	+ 1.60	..
-do- Acc	216.70	230.60	+ 1.30	..
NAm Sm Co Rec	145.10	154.40	+ 2.50	
-do- Acc	148.10	157.60	+ 2.60	
Pacific Basin	253.40	269.60	- 0.80	0.46
-do- Acc	269.20	286.40	- 0.80	0.46
Small Cos Rec	374.80	398.70	- 2.10	1.98
-do- Acc	594.80	631.40	- 2.80	1.98
UK Growth	87.91	93.53	+ 0.81	2.51
-do- Acc	106.80	113.80		2.51
Worldwide Gth	312.20	332.20	- 6.50	..
-do- Acc	400.80	430.80	- 8.70	..
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 873				
American	69.76	73.75	+ 0.34	0.19
General	89.95	95.45†	+ 0.15	2.40
Income	66.60	71.46	- 0.08	5.40
International	63.08	67.50†	- 0.41	0.40
Japan	51.02	54.74	- 1.24	..
Tst of Inv Trusts	67.94	72.69	- 0.42	1.48
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	410.10	433.70	+ 2.80	0.50
(Accum Units)	516.50	540.40	+ 4.70	0.50
Amer Recovery	484.40	512.30†	+ 2.50	0.36
(Accum Units)	556.80	588.60†	+ 2.90	0.36
Amer Smlr Cos	132.50	140.10	- 0.40	..
(Accum Units)	135.40	143.16	- 0.40	..
Australasian	143.10	151.30	+ 1.00	2.15
(Accum Units)	170.10	185.10	+ 1.30	2.15
Capital	853.70	902.80	- 5.80	2.88
(Accum Units)	979.50	£10.35	- 6.50	2.86
Charifund	708.10	715.20	- 2.70	5.81
(Accum Units)	£23.64	£23.86	- 12.50	5.81
Commodity	382.30	404.30	+ 4.70	0.53
(Accum Units)	561.20	593.80	+ 7.00	0.53
Compound Gth	978.40	£10.34	+ 3.30	3.03
(Accum Units)	£10.30	£10.89	+ 3.40	3.03
Dividend	41.70	44.10†	- 0.20	4.31
(Accum Units)	177.70	188.00†	- 0.90	4.31
Equity Income	351.20	371.40	- 1.20	4.81
(Accum Units)	458.20	482.50	- 1.50	4.81
Euro & General	522.30	552.90	- 1.50	1.15
(Accum Units)	660.70	698.60	- 1.90	1.15
Euro Dividend	74.00	78.30	- 0.50	3.70
(Accum Units)	89.10	94.30	- 0.60	3.70
Extra Yield	428.70	451.20	- 1.70	4.94
(Accum Units)	£13.46	£14.25	- 5.30	4.94
Far Eastern	341.60	361.80	- 4.40	0.84
(Accum Units)	453.80	480.60	- 5.90	0.84
Fund of Inv Tsts	621.30	657.80†	- 1.30	2.02
(Accum Units)	£11.72	£12.39†	- 2.50	2.02
General	63.10	66.70	- 0.40	3.76
(Accum Units)	177.40	187.70	- 1.10	3.76
Gilt Income	80.19	80.26†	- 0.03	7.74
(Accum Units)	169.86	170.14†	- 2.34	7.74
Gold	83.80	87.50	+ 3.10	0.84
(Accum Units)	75.38	78.70	+ 3.70	0.84
High Income	28.90	30.70†	- 0.90	4.80
(Accum Units)	119.80	126.20†	- 0.50	4.80
Intl Growth	75.30	79.60	- 0.30	0.83
(Accum Units)	131.40	138.90	- 0.60	0.83
International Inc	99.60	105.30	- 0.30	4.82
(Accum Units)	149.80	158.50	- 0.50	4.82
Japan & Gen	38.00	40.20†	- 1.20	..
(Accum Units)	40.70	43.20†	- 1.30	..
Japan Smlr Cos	128.90	136.30	- 4.30	..
(Accum Units)	129.80	137.30	- 4.30	..
Managed Income	29.10	29.50†	- 0.10	4.29
Midland	83.70	87.40	- 0.40	3.18
(Accum Units)	215.40	228.00	- 1.40	3.18
Pension Ex	966.20	980.40	- 5.80	4.23
Recovery	43.20	45.70	- 0.70	2.46
(Accum Units)	70.80	75.10	- 1.10	2.46
Second General	71.40	75.50	- 1.00	3.52
(Accum Units)	185.40	196.10	- 2.70	3.52
Smaller Cos	69.20	73.20	- 1.00	3.25
(Accum Units)	137.50	146.00	- 1.90	3.25
Sterling Hi Int	24.83	24.94	- 0.38	8.43
Treasury	25.11	25.15†	+ 0.03	6.31
Trustee	42.20	44.60	- 0.20	4.33
(Accum Units)	172.80	182.80	- 0.90	4.33
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	84.00	89.36	- 0.91	1.45
Intl Bond	64.86	68.17†	- 0.71	5.35
Intl Equity Growth	72.86	77.19	- 0.15	7.01
N Amer Growth	100.91	107.35	+ 0.32	0.97
Special Sits Growth	22.00	23.40	+ 0.05	2.06
UK Growth	383.80	408.20	+ 1.00	2.84
(Accum Units)	507.40	539.70	+ 1.30	2.84
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd	£13.25	£13.52†	- 3.00	3.30
Income	986.19	£10.11	- 5.70	4.60
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	140.70	144.40	+ 2.60	4.16
For Manulife see Canada Life				
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 01244 680 068				
M & S Inv Ptflo	155.80	164.00	- 0.70	2.21
-do- Accum	179.30	188.80	- 0.70	2.21
UK Sel Ptflo	133.86	140.80	- 0.80	2.44
-do- Accum	157.40	165.70	- 0.70	2.44
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	69.94	74.40	- 1.37	3.65
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	72.25	76.70†	- 0.31	4.23
European	86.32	91.83	- 0.19	0.95
Income	75.53	80.18†	+ 0.47	4.53
Nth American	67.51	71.77†	+ 1.01	0.62
Far East	163.40	173.50†	+ 0.10	..
Japan	51.39	54.55	- 0.39	..
Emrging Mkts	89.39	95.00		
Intl Growth	108.70	115.40	- 0.19	1.02
UK Growth	96.18	102.10	- 0.10	1.43
UK Smlr Co	47.35	50.90†	- 0.06	0.88
Asian Opps Fd	37.21	39.80†	- 0.07	0.33
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	427.84	455.26	+ 0.41	3.93
Global Inc	68.63	73.03	- 0.75	2.84
Brit Leaders	365.76	389.11	+ 0.97	2.30
Intl Leaders	205.86	219.00	+ 0.87	0.75
PAM Mg Bal Grth	82.48	84.91	- 0.67	0.83
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0171 280 2060				
American	212.60	225.50	+ 2.30	..
(Accum Units)	227.20	241.60	+ 2.50	..
American Opps	95.87	102.30	+ 2.00	..
(Accum Units)	97.07	103.50	+ 2.00	..
British Blue Chip	82.32	87.41	+ 0.46	2.75
(Accum Units)	102.20	108.49	+ 0.50	2.75
Cash	100.80	100.80	+ 0.10	5.22
(Accum Units)	139.90	139.90	+ 0.10	5.22
Emerging Mkts	101.20	108.00	- 0.10	0.13
(Accum Units)	101.60	108.30†	- 0.20	0.13
European Growth	260.00	275.20	- 1.60	0.16
(Accum Units)	280.30	296.80	- 1.90	0.16
European Income	84.64	89.41†	- 2.94	3.21
(Accum Units)	116.80	123.30†	- 1.10	3.21
General	517.80	550.60	+ 2.70	2.25
(Accum Units)	1027	1092	+ 5.00	2.25
Global Bond	128.60	135.10	- 1.40	5.12
(Accum Units)	158.50	166.50	- 1.70	5.12
Gold & General	192.80	207.30†	+ 3.80	0.43
(Accum Units)	199.00	214.00†	+ 5.10	0.43
Govt Securities	89.81	94.72	- 1.16	5.92
(Accum Units)	179.10	184.60†	- 2.30	5.92
Income	156.60	166.40	- 0.40	4.26
(Accum Units)	248.70	264.30†	- 0.60	4.26
Inc Portfolio	98.06	104.00†	- 1.50	5.05
(Accum Units)	101.40	107.60†	- 0.30	5.05
Intl Opps	482.10	492.60†	- 1.70	0.18
(Accum Units)	619.00	660.10†	- 2.20	0.18
Japan	150.60	159.60	- 1.90	..
(Accum Units)	154.60	163.90	- 2.00	..
New Europe	182.70	194.90	- 1.00	1.03
(Accum Units)	188.30	200.90	- 1.00	1.03
Pacific	114.80	122.40	..	0.83
(Accum Units)	122.80	131.00	..	0.83
Recovery	294.20	313.80†	- 3.80	0.83
(Accum Units)	378.40	403.60†	- 3.50	0.83
UK Smaller Cos	96.20	102.60	- 0.21	0.86
(Accum Units)	63.81	67.85	- 0.25	0.86
Portfolio	81.97	86.97	- 0.83	2.65
(Accum Units)	97.85	103.80	..	2.65
Managed Gilt	100.90	104.90†	- 0.10	1.81
Managed Inc	105.30	108.20†	- 0.50	4.72
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
Europrowth Plus	120.56	128.26†	- 0.25	0.84
Portfolio	68.13	72.48†	- 0.24	0.53
UK Income Inc	78.17	83.16	- 0.69	4.51
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	59.77	63.83	- 0.51	3.13
(Accum Units)	64.86	68.94	- 0.55	2.13
British Tst	86.92	91.02	- 0.79	1.93
(Accum Units)	102.80	108.80	- 0.90	1.93
Extra High Inc	66.61	71.84	- 0.55	6.45
(Accum Units)	134.20	140.58	- 1.00	6.45
FT-SE 100 Acc	57.21	59.90	+ 0.08	2.75
FT-SE 100 Dist	56.23	58.98	+ 0.08	2.75
Gilt & Fxd Int	53.83	56.01†	- 0.80	7.00
(Accum Units)	160.00	166.50†	- 2.40	7.00
High Yield	210.80	220.20	- 1.90	5.73
(Accum Units)	565.10	591.70	- 5.10	5.73
Income	283.60	303.90	- 2.50	3.62
(Accum Units)	620.40	669.50	- 5.50	3.62
Money Market UT	49.47	49.47	+ 0.04	5.15
(Accum Units)	78.57	78.57	+ 0.07	5.15
Monthly Income	85.53	89.55†	- 0.99	5.85
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	106.40	113.29	- 0.20	1.73
European Growth	104.10	110.40	- 2.80	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	87.46	92.78	- 1.28	5.98
Income	86.87	92.42	- 0.72	2.77

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	47.43	50.27	- 2.08	..
Managed	70.88	75.41	+ 0.64	2.33
Money Market	88.16	93.47	+ 0.00	4.30
North American	90.86	96.12	- 0.46	0.47
Midland PSP/CS Unit Trust				
British	98.63	102.80	- 0.19	1.72
European Growth	97.94	103.80	- 2.40	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	85.39	90.48	- 1.26	5.94
Income	85.31	90.76	- 0.70	2.83
Japan Growth	47.36	50.20	- 2.08	..
Managed	67.77	72.10	- 0.14	2.31
Money Market	81.53	86.42	+ 0.02	4.25
North American	92.38	97.33	- 0.42	0.56
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	96.44	102.60	- 0.20	1.71
European Growth	95.84	101.40	- 2.80	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	76.05	80.88	- 1.09	6.12
Income	84.97	89.44	- 0.71	2.88
Japan Growth	48.38	51.28	- 2.18	..
Managed	70.58	75.08	- 0.16	2.31
Money Market	75.70	80.24	+ 0.07	4.34
North American	91.77	97.27	- 0.46	0.43
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	13.16	13.97	- 0.04	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	365.80	388.30	+ 5.20	..
European Gth Inc	470.70	503.60†	- 0.70	0.29
(Accum Units)	475.80	509.00†	- 0.70	0.29
Intl Gwth	190.50	202.60†	- 1.50	..
UK Equity Inc	190.80	202.80	+ 0.40	3.19
UK Intl Trckr Inc	168.40	177.70	+ 0.40	2.68
(Accum Units)	197.40	210.90	+ 0.50	2.83
US Eq Intl Trk Inc	214.00	228.80	+ 1.40	1.19
Japan Tracker	70.61	74.97†	- 1.35	..
Asian Tracker	210.00	227.80	- 2.10	0.29
Managed Inc	155.90	166.40†	- 0.60	1.27
Deposit Inc	99.60	99.60†	+ 0.05	5.10
Europa	185.70	199.10	- 1.10	..
Genesis	150.10	173.20†	+ 0.50	2.10
High Inc.rov	21.69	23.08	- 0.03	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 639				
Acumen	97.29	99.31	- 0.37	2.58
Acumen Inc	81.07	82.97	- 0.26	2.58
Acumen Reserve	88.05	88.91	- 0.84	7.97
-do- Inc	72.74	73.47	- 0.70	7.37
American Growth	158.40	163.00	- 2.80	..
Cash Income	49.76	49.78†	+ 0.04	5.75
Equity Income	98.94	98.43†	- 0.05	4.81
European	71.94	73.53	- 0.80	0.28
Smaller Cos	81.29	85.03†	- 0.13	1.25
W'wide Eqty	84.77	88.30	- 0.66	0.52
Global Bond	44.27	44.78†	- 0.26	6.68
UK Growth	97.52	99.81	+ 0.19	2.12
Pacific Growth	108.60	112.10	- 1.20	0.10
Japan Growth	85.53	87.15	- 0.02	..
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	126.18	134.23	- 0.08	2.68
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0191 287 6322				
UK Growth	74.65	79.42	+ 0.36	2.24
UK Income	109.42	116.40†	- 0.61	3.82
Higher Income	210.36	223.79	- 8.03	4.49
Smaller Cos	82.89	88.18	+ 0.15	1.96
International	96.23	102.37†	+ 0.04	1.92
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
American Dist	106.20	113.00†	+ 0.40	0.70
European Dist	116.20	123.60†	- 2.10	..
Far East Dist	177.70	189.00	- 2.80	..
Global Cos Dist	71.48	76.02†	- 0.25	0.82
Oseas Dist	£10.07	£10.72	- 10.60	0.15
(Accum Units)	£13.08	£13.91	- 13.70	0.15
UK Dist	355.30	377.80†	- 0.40	2.54
(Accum Units)	704.80	749.90	- 1.80	2.54
UK Extra Inc Dist	79.76	84.85	- 0.39	3.76
Wwide Dist	105.60	112.60	- 0.80	0.30
Wwide Inc Dist	72.02	76.62	- 0.70	2.31
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 368				
Europa Inc	65.70	69.42	- 0.73	0.46
Fund of Funds Inc	58.73	61.98†	- 0.81	0.84
North America Inc	51.87	54.74†	+ 0.73	0.47
UK Equity Gwth Inc	59.07	62.34†	- 0.02	2.81
(Accum Units)	82.07	85.51	- 0.01	2.01
UK General Inc	58.73	61.98	- 0.09	2.42
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	46.84	49.43	- 0.78	7.18
UK Income Inc	58.01	61.22†	- 0.29	3.81
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Bond	118.98	124.45†	- 1.48	6.08
Bridge Fund	86.59	92.12		2.23
Distributor	94.23	100.25†	- 0.44	2.89
Foundation	85.59	91.69	- 0.24	2.48
General	186.26	197.08	- 1.29	1.82
Global	320.36	340.81	- 1.89	0.36
Growth	127.10	135.22	+ 1.80	2.52
Higher Income Inc	27.78	29.48	+ 0.19	4.21
Income	230.79	245.53	- 1.82	3.32
Intrvold	118.79	123.74†	+ 0.68	2.45
Formerly Capital House				
American Gwth Tst	37.59	40.20	+ 0.16	0.28
Cash Income	50.20	50.20†	+ 0.03	5.83
European Gwth	41.17	43.94†	- 0.36	0.28
Intel Gwth	29.72	31.78	- 0.18	0.43
Japan Gwth	23.69	25.33	- 0.38	..
Managed Tst Inc	47.17	50.44†	- 0.31	2.30
Oriental Opps Inc	145.90	156.00	+ 0.30	0.23
Property Shares	33.79	36.13†	- 0.27	0.84
Smaller Cos	32.29	34.53	- 0.04	1.27
UK Growth Tst	26.21	28.03†	- 0.03	2.67
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	72.98	78.05	- 0.16	1.76
Cap Hse UK Inc	69.26	74.07	- 0.03	2.77
Exempt (2)	28.84	30.70		1.78
German	51.79	55.28	- 0.52	..
High Income	73.54	78.65†	- 0.46	4.76
Mngd Ptflo Inc	101.70	108.70	..	1.07
Mngd Ptflo Acc	194.40	207.90	..	1.07
Monthly Income	78.87	84.35	- 1.13	4.19
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD 0191 285 2555				
Managed	98.32	105.19	- 0.80	2.15
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 234				
Master Trust	128.95	135.47	- 0.94	1.83
UK Equity	142.86	150.38	- 0.45	2.98
UK Equity Income	134.81	141.91†	- 0.66	3.29
UK Smaller Cos	118.66	124.90	- 0.75	1.63
UK Equity Growth	133.60	140.63	- 1.16	2.57
UK Index Trckg	145.49	153.15	+ 0.68	3.72
Intl Index Trckg	145.89	153.57	- 0.78	1.17
International	236.98	249.45	+ 0.69	0.50
European	205.97	216.81	- 2.81	0.69
Pan European	137.99	145.25†	- 1.52	1.40
Nth American	182.35	191.95†	+ 0.85	0.12
N Amer Smlr Cos	198.46	208.90	+ 0.15	..
Japanese	81.57	85.86†	- 2.08	..
Pacific	225.69	237.57†	- 1.79	0.34
South East Asian	258.10	271.68	- 1.26	0.49
Intl Bond	137.94	145.19	- 1.24	4.17
Gilt & Convertible	182.39	187.78†	- 4.53	6.86
Property	78.73	82.87†	- 0.66	6.52
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
European Inc	258.60	275.60†	- 1.80	0.70
(Accum Units)	271.50	291.70	- 1.90	0.70
Japan Inc	97.87	104.40	- 2.10	..
Nth American Inc	115.60	121.80	+ 1.30	0.47
Worldwide Inc	155.90	167.20	- 1.70	0.75
Hong Kong Inc	140.40	150.70	- 0.20	1.67
Swiss Equities Inc	74.18	79.30	- 0.88	..
Wwide Bond Inc	63.24	68.80	- 0.64	4.90
Emrging Asia Inc	213.10	228.60	- 1.30	..
(Accum Units)	218.60	229.50	- 1.39	..
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.29	50.29†	+ 0.04	5.07
Thailand Inc	179.20	192.80	- 1.80	1.80
Gold Trust Inc	71.81	78.09	+ 3.81	0.84
New Zealand Inc	81.90	86.79	- 1.31	1.90
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	62.56	67.23	- 0.51	1.69
Latin Am Corp Inc	55.46	58.86	- 1.09	..
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	60.25	64.60	- 0.01	2.86
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	74.82	78.81	- 1.37	..
Global Portfolio	67.53	72.22	- 0.86	..
Global Opps	63.27	67.67	- 1.19	..
Marsh Global Gth	62.98	66.79	- 0.86	..
AAM Global Equity	53.93	57.16	- 0.77	0.55
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	93.93	100.00	- 0.69	..
Temple Equity Inc	44.99	48.84	- 0.47	2.58
Hartley Growth	76.87	81.46	- 0.16	0.42
Intl Growth Inc	83.76	89.58	- 0.54	0.40
IPS Portfolio Inc	80.46	86.07	- 1.24	..
St Jms Min Inc Inc	47.34	49.17†	+ 0.10	..
Premier Portus Inc	65.35	70.95	- 0.79	1.76
Roxburgh Strat Gth	71.65	76.63	- 0.47	..
Tech Analysts	104.20	110.40	- 0.80	..
Rosebury Growth	44.81	48.37	- 0.83	0.86
Intrealtnl Strat	78.09	83.52	- 1.12	..
UFC Intl-Act Grth	53.98	58.27	- 0.71	..
Coverdale Topour	49.17	53.17	- 0.58	..
Prem Equity Inc	109.80	115.80†	- 0.20	0.70
Lowes Intl Growth	45.43	48.87	+ 0.02	1.03
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	248.60	264.40†	..	2.85
(Accum Units)	531.60	565.50	..	2.85
Growth	158.40	167.80†	- 0.10	2.80
Income	244.70	260.30	- 0.80	3.63
Intl Equity	254.90	271.20	- 0.50	1.16
(Accum Units)	281.80	299.70	- 0.60	1.16
UK Income	68.27	72.62	- 0.03	3.36
UK Intl 25	82.47	87.73	- 0.02	2.31
New Europe	81.98	87.82	- 0.75	0.99
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	590.23	631.27	- 0.95	0.53
(Accum Units)	590.85	631.93	- 0.95	0.53
Income	375.21	401.30	+ 3.14	3.18
Wwide Recovery	383.59	410.28	- 0.91	0.62
Amer Growth Inc	228.75	244.66	+ 2.89	0.01
(Accum Units)	228.75	244.65	+ 2.89	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	235.80	251.98	- 2.83	0.06
Far Estn Grth Inc	265.20	283.64	- 4.51	0.35
(Accum Units)	265.20	283.64	- 4.61	0.35
Euro Grth Inc	149.82	160.24	- 0.99	0.71
(Accum Units)	150.20	160.65	- 0.99	0.71
UK Growth Inc	94.49	101.05	+ 0.64	2.68
(Accum Units)	99.40	106.32	+ 0.57	2.68
High Income	100.35	107.33	+ 0.82	3.81
Jap Grth Inc	197.06	210.62	- 4.54	0.01
(Accum Units)	197.06	210.62	- 4.54	0.01
PEP Growth	119.65	126.81	- 0.06	1.08
Asian Sr Mkts Inc	124.60	133.27	- 1.83	0.01
(Accum Units)	124.60	133.27	- 1.83	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	135.14	144.54	+ 1.35	0.01
(Accum Units)	135.14	144.54	+ 1.35	0.01
Global Bond	55.25	58.22	- 0.69	5.52
UK Smaller Cos Inc	84.05	89.80	- 0.39	1.57
(Accum Units)	87.31	93.39	- 0.31	1.57
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0191 201 3927				
American	101.94	108.45†	+ 0.38	..
European	73.45	78.14	- 0.77	..
Global	60.93	64.82†	- 0.94	..
Pacific	54.38	57.77†	- 1.47	..
UK Inc & Gth	66.15	70.37	- 0.56	1.68
POINTON YORK UT MGRS 0116 2550 540				
Intl Director Digs	94.33	100.46	- 1.48	..
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	158.94	171.08	- 2.37	0.10
Emerg Mkts	45.71	48.37	- 0.50	..
High Income	50.72	52.55†	- 0.30	6.43
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	62.87	66.84	- 0.70	2.59
Growth Income	64.46	68.34	- 0.96	2.30
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	140.55	149.53	+ 0.63	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	95.98	102.10	- 0.10	3.41
Conv & Gilt	111.50	118.60†	- 0.60	6.23
European Income	76.39	81.26	- 0.55	2.76
Extra Income	155.60	165.70†	- 1.70	3.68
(Accum Units)	193.00	205.90	+ 0.30	3.29
Far East	378.00	403.10	- 0.10	0.08
(Accum Units)	388.10	410.70	- 0.30	0.08
Global Income	26.18	27.83	- 0.05	4.23
High Income	119.40	127.00	..	3.32
(Accum Units)	144.90	154.20	..	3.32
International	194.70	207.20	+ 0.30	0.67
(Accum Units)	200.70	213.50	+ 0.20	0.67
Pref & Fxd Int	41.53	44.01	- 1.38	7.75
Recovery	73.23	77.90†	- 0.32	2.62

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Special Sits	115.50	122.90†	+ 1.50	1.05
(Accum Units)	125.80	133.80	+ 1.70	1.05
Technology	474.80	504.80†	+ 21.90	..
UK Blue Chip	72.57	77.63	+ 0.31	2.36
(Accum Units)	81.61	86.82	+ 0.35	2.36
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 588 3903				
Equity Gth	183.90	195.60	- 1.80	1.75
European Gth	102.80	109.20	- 0.60	1.08
Income & Gth	130.10	140.00	- 0.80	3.36
Japan Gth	98.36	105.70	- 2.10	..
Nth Amer Gth	143.30	152.40	+ 2.00	0.17
Overseas Gth	94.26	100.30	- 0.30	..
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171-911 4499				
Managed Tst	37.92	39.29	- 0.15	1.85
Cash Fixed Inc	101.22	101.72†	+ 0.08	5.34
Cash Hmtn Acc	112.82	113.38†	+ 0.09	5.34
Dist Trust Inc	98.35	101.91	- 0.72	6.56
Dist Trust Acc	103.23	106.97	+ 0.08	6.56
Global Growth	90.67	96.60	- 0.98	0.70
Equity Inc	83.02	88.31†	- 0.34	3.46
Equity	748.98	794.65	- 3.20	2.28
European	224.31	232.44†	- 2.16	0.61
High Income	86.41	94.06†	- 0.77	5.16
Intl Gth	188.84	200.82	- 0.21	0.88
Intl Sm Co	78.73	83.78	- 0.45	0.30
Japanese	194.99	202.05	- 2.99	..
Nth Amer	178.28	185.78†	+ 1.35	1.42
Pacific Mkts	106.87	108.91	+ 0.19	0.57
Premier Inc	47.77	49.71	- 0.63	6.75
Sm Cos	91.08	98.89†	- 0.42	1.57
Spec Sits	112.18	118.34	- 0.61	2.37
UK Growth	126.85	134.94	- 0.26	2.29
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	309.70	329.50	+ 1.20	3.09
For Rock Asset see Northern Rock				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	538.81	572.43	+ 2.48	0.62
FA America (Acc)	630.04	669.23	+ 2.90	0.62
FA UK Equity Inc	163.29	173.97†	+ 0.98	3.29
FA Japan	235.18	249.79	- 4.79	..
FA Major UK Cos	99.95	106.49†	+ 0.79	2.24
FA Smlr UK Cos	295.97	322.83	- 0.81	1.27
FA European	335.21	356.28	- 0.31	0.49
FA Amer Smlr Cos	47.86	51.29	+ 0.42	..
FA Asia	51.02	54.81	- 0.12	..
FA Jap Smlr Cos	36.98	39.56	- 1.52	..
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	103.16	108.58	+ 0.80	..
UK Smlr Cos	85.87	90.38	- 0.23	..
UK Income	101.04	106.35	+ 0.59	..
America	108.20	113.89	+ 0.49	..
Japanese	51.72	54.44	- 1.65	..
European	107.82	113.42	- 0.10	..
Gilt	89.98	94.69	- 1.53	..
Deposit	84.87	89.44	+ 0.09	..
Managed	102.55	107.94	- 0.15	..
RAM PSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	180.89	185.67	+ 0.77	..
UK Smaller Cos	83.81	88.21	- 0.23	..
UK Income	98.52	103.70	+ 0.56	..
America	105.25	110.78	+ 0.47	..
Japanese	50.32	52.96	- 1.81	..
European	104.99	110.51	- 0.10	
Gilt	88.65	93.31	- 1.54	..
Deposit	81.02	85.28	+ 0.09	..
Managed	95.38	100.40	- 0.09	..
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	85.03	90.80	+ 0.27	0.20
Pacific Basin	72.47	77.88	- 0.80	..
High Inc Dist	147.19	150.80	+ 0.88	4.33
Ryl Life Intl Cbry	58.52	62.28	- 0.82	3.87
Ryl Life Intl Grwth	68.88	73.31	- 0.67	0.026
Ryl Life Intl Spec	62.05	66.00	- 0.62	..
UK Emerging Cos	123.88	136.90†	- 1.30	1.13
UK Index Trckg	168.39	179.30†	- 1.60	3.97
European	135.80	145.59	- 0.88	0.25
Managed	150.90	162.20	- 0.70	0.73
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 784 400				
American Growth	151.40	160.10	+ 1.40	0.41
European Growth	118.10	124.80	- 0.50	1.02
Far East Growth	135.50	144.28	- 2.00	0.43
Japan Growth	124.80	132.60	- 3.20	..
Special Sits	200.90	212.70	- 1.80	1.29
UK Growth	81.06	86.23†	- 0.39	2.32
Triton General	243.20	258.60	- 1.40	0.94
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 6600				
Far East Inc	180.00	189.30	- 2.10	0.71
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	337.50	357.10	- 0.20	0.30
(Accum Units)	524.80	555.10	- 0.30	0.30
Growth Inc	131.70	138.40	+ 0.80	0.60
(Accum Units)	134.20	142.60	+ 0.76	0.60
International Inc	338.40	358.00	+ 0.80	0.46
(Accum Units)	461.40	488.30	+ 1.10	0.46
Nth Am & Intl Inc	322.40	341.20	+ 1.80	0.35
UK Gen Prog Inc	230.10	243.50	..	1.31
UK High Inc Inc	135.40	143.30	- 0.96	3.77
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	68.97	73.37	+ 0.99	..
Asian Gwth	112.59	119.78	- 0.58	0.75
European Gwth	70.42	74.91	- 1.29	1.00
Global Bd	59.08	62.42	- 0.73	5.00
Global Eq	57.87	61.55	- 0.27	0.50
Japan Sm Cos	52.99	56.37	- 0.88	..
UK Gwth	63.71	67.78	+ 0.20	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	72.85	77.50	+ 0.66	3.34
Amer Smlr Cos	122.60	130.40	+ 1.90	..
Asian Smaller Cos	41.68	44.84†	+ 0.06	..
Capital Portfolio	128.40	136.60	- 1.00	2.47
Cash	127.90	127.90†	+ 0.10	5.73
China Dragon	58.48	62.21†	- 0.57	1.20
Commodity	126.90	135.00	+ 4.70	0.44
Eastern Discovery	89.85	95.58†	- 0.61	..
Emerging Mkts	38.37	40.82†	- 0.70	0.47
Energy Inds	134.30	142.90	+ 2.90	0.63
European Gwth	193.00	205.30	- 0.90	0.67
Euro Inc & Gwth	79.30	84.36	- 0.54	2.01
Euro Smlr Cos	55.85	59.42	+ 0.87	..
Extra Income	52.85	54.71†	- 0.38	5.72
Financial Secs	212.50	226.50	- 0.80	1.78
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	48.68	51.38	- 0.50	8.03
Gold & Exploration	78.79	83.82	+ 3.47	..
High Return	236.60	251.70	+ 2.10	4.04
High Yield	234.20	249.10	..	3.98
Income	123.00	130.90	- 0.20	4.17
Intl Bond	170.30	178.60	- 1.30	5.27
ITU	211.60	225.10	+ 1.40	1.76
Japan Growth	148.90	158.40	- 1.90	..
Japan Smaller	145.10	154.40†	- 2.90	..
Korea	55.63	62.34	- 0.35	..
Master Fund	55.03	59.18†	+ 0.54	1.38
Scotbits	323.50	344.10	- 0.90	1.22
Scotshares	304.80	324.30†	..	2.16
Scotyields	249.40	265.30	+ 1.00	3.37
Select Intl	136.76	145.48	..	0.20
Smaller Cos Inc	247.30	263.10	- 0.80	3.74
SE Asia	53.83	57.27†	- 0.35	..
Special Situation	130.90	139.30†	- 0.20	0.85
UK Equity	256.70	273.10	- 0.10	2.74
UK Growth	67.15	71.45	- 0.04	1.85
UK & O'seas	168.10	178.60†	- 0.60	1.38
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	48.68	51.80	- 0.17	1.52
US Growth	158.50	168.60	+ 1.40	0.42
Univ Growth	136.30	145.00	- 1.80	0.98
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Clnt: 0800 526 535 Bkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	265.26	281.51†	+ 2.07	0.97
(Accum Units)	289.96	307.72†	+ 2.26	0.97
European Gwth	77.51	82.29†	- 1.24	0.65
Euro Smlr Cos	81.97	87.28†	- 0.53	0.28
Far Eastern Gth	93.98	99.80	- 1.18	..
(Accum Units)	95.35	101.71	- 1.21	..
Gilt & Fxd Int	61.83	59.88	- 0.86	7.54
Global Bond	51.67	58.38	- 0.56	6.99
(Accum Units)	58.08	58.58	- 0.61	6.99
Global Emer Mkts	53.18	58.63	- 0.87	..
(Accum Units)	53.14	56.88	- 0.67	..
Income	359.49	383.45	- 2.06	5.08
(Accum Units)	£11.42	£12.19	- 8.45	5.08
Japan Smlr Cos	413.04	440.57	- 13.55	..
(Accum Units)	413.87	441.45	- 13.58	..
Japan Enterprise	61.60	65.70	- 1.39	..
Pacific Gwth	135.35	145.43	- 0.44	0.23
(Accum Units)	146.75	156.12	- 0.46	0.23
Portfolio	83.17	88.71	- 0.42	2.11
(Accum Units)	90.21	96.32	- 0.46	2.11
Seoul	44.88	48.13†	- 0.29	..
(Accum Units)	44.88	48.13†	- 0.26	..
Smaller Cos	220.01	234.67†	+ 1.92	1.30
Tokyo	114.53	122.16	- 2.20	..
(Accum Units)	115.69	123.40	- 2.22	..
UK Enterprise	266.20	286.08†	- 2.12	2.10
(Accum Units)	324.12	345.71†	- 8.02	2.10
UK Equity	251.61	268.38	- 0.88	2.74
(Accum Units)	488.91	521.50	- 1.32	2.74
US Smlr Cos	170.86	182.27†	+ 2.24	..
(Accum Units)	48.44	51.49	+ 0.46	0.78
Institutional Funds				
European	247.29	256.93	- 2.27	1.39
(Accum Units)	275.34	286.08	- 2.52	1.39
Euro Smlr Cos	30.10	31.35†	- 0.20	1.68
(Accum Units)	31.99	33.31†	- 0.22	1.88
Global Equity Inc	78.83	82.11	- 0.32	0.91
Japan Smlr Cos	34.21	35.63†	- 0.93	0.30
(Accum Units)	34.51	35.94†	- 0.90	0.30
Mngd Balanced	193.27	201.32†	- 0.80	2.89
(Accum Units)	220.55	229.73†	- 0.93	2.89
Overseas Equity	191.04	199.00†	- 2.17	1.14
(Accum Units)	198.47	206.74†	- 1.55	1.14
Oseas Smlr Cos	122.90	128.02	- 1.09	0.87
(Accum Units)	128.55	133.89	- 1.14	0.81
Pacific	257.44	268.16	+ 0.41	1.16
(Accum Units)	281.63	293.36	+ 0.45	1.16
Recovery	£18.97	£19.76	- 24.37	3.90
(Accum Units)	£20.06	£20.89	- 25.77	3.90
UK Index	180.55	187.23†	+ 0.44	3.52
(Accum Units)	198.19	206.45†	+ 0.56	3.52
UK Small Cos	118.14	120.97	- 0.31	2.78
(Accum Units)	124.53	129.71	- 0.33	2.78
US Smlr Cos	48.54	50.56	+ 0.46	0.78
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	51.51	54.86	- 0.98	3.56
Equity Trust	63.71	67.85	- 0.80	3.14
Equity Strategy	75.04	79.92	- 1.82	1.86
European Opps	90.59	96.48	- 1.26	2.22
UK Smaller Cos	64.54	68.74	- 0.81	1.51
[illegible] Inc	95.88	102.16	+ 0.07	6.50
Japanese	87.23	91.60	+ 18.16	0.15
Asia Pacific	121.13	129.00	- 9.84	1.29
American	109.29	116.39	+ 0.64	0.53
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	31.44	31.44	+ 0.04	5.865
UK General Inc	54.76	58.39	+ 0.14	2.84
(Accum Units)	70.24	74.90	+ 0.19	2.84
Intl Income	268.00	282.90†	- 1.60	1.45
(Accum Units)	469.00	489.10†	- 2.90	1.45
European	85.02	88.90	- 0.71	1.49
Japan	63.90	67.76	- 1.84	0.35
American	72.50	76.76†	+ 0.86	1.88
Far East	85.40	91.09	- 0.40	0.95
Ethical Inc	30.97	33.12	- 0.24	2.07
UK Blue Chip Inc	35.64	38.07	+ 0.16	3.07
High Inc Inc	38.60	39.26†	- 0.05	3.44
UK Global Inc	40.94	43.63	- 0.21	2.19
Wwide Tact	69.75	74.17†	- 0.51	1.31
Europe 2000 Tacs	55.42	58.81†	- 0.84	1.51
Technology	118.19	125.74†	+ 1.53	1.08
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	402.50	429.50	- 0.10	2.63
American	278.20	295.10	+ 4.10	0.55
Pacific	371.50	397.80	- 2.70	0.64
European	576.20	616.30	- 7.00	1.40
Worldwide	89.50	95.82	+ 0.43	0.87
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	275.20	292.80†	- 0.30	2.19
(Accum Units)	351.80	374.30†	- 0.40	2.19
UK Sr Co Eq Inc	202.30	215.30†	- 1.40	1.92
(Accum Units)	245.80	261.30†	- 1.70	1.92
Select Oppty Inc	69.97	74.84	- 0.54	2.02
Income Plus Inc	72.97	77.63	- 0.52	4.09
European Inc	358.30	381.20	- 5.20	1.18
(Accum Units)	404.70	430.60	- 5.90	1.18
Far Eastern Inc	175.90	187.20		0.98
(Accum Units)	201.10	214.00	- 0.10	0.90
Japanese Inc	57.76	61.45	- 1.05	..
Nth American Inc	244.60	260.30	+ 1.50	0.63
(Accum Units)	270.80	287.30	+ 1.70	0.63

	Sell	Buy	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	198.73	211.40†		
Wwide Sectors Inc	81.63	86.85		
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	379.40	404.10		
(Accum Units)	563.10	602.60		
UK High Inc	187.20	199.60		
(Accum Units)	274.60	292.90		
Europe Inc	391.70	417.70		
Nth Amer Inc	228.90	244.20		
Global Inc	206.50	220.30		
Global Acc	211.70	226.40		
UK Spec Sits Inc	103.60	110.30		
South East Asia	222.30	237.00		
Cash Trust Inc	100.10	100.10		
UK Smlr Cos Inc	106.90	114.00		
(Accum Units)	109.30	116.60		
Intl Bond Inc	95.70	101.60		
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	144.80	152.10	- 3.90	
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	132.20	139.20		
Nth American	111.70	117.60	+ 1.10	
Intl Bond & Conv	123.00	139.52†	+ 1.10	
Pooled Pension (E)	194.20	208.90		
Smaller Cos	78.26	82.38†		
UK General	134.89	141.90†		
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 6226				
Amex Gilt Fund‡	107.30			
Attest	97.66		- 0.59	
European‡	124.10		- 4.40	
Global Bond‡	95.79		- 1.16	
Investment Trust‡	101.30		- 0.90	
Preferred Income‡	99.94		- 0.56	
Sterpri‡	44.89		- 0.60	
Sterling Reserve‡	100.00			
UK Growth‡	99.77		+ 0.13	
Tal Parx	99.96		- 1.34	
UK Emerg Leaders‡	101.60		- 0.70	
UK Equity Inc‡	99.79		- 0.67	
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	324.00	342.80	- 2.50	
Canadian	66.95	70.84	- 0.30	
Capital	125.30	134.30	- 0.60	
Cash	101.05	104.05	+ 0.08	
European	138.60	145.60†	- 1.00	
Far Eastern	144.40	152.70	- 4.50	
Growth	138.40	144.30	- 3.10	
Income	129.30	136.73	- 0.40	
Mngemnt	134.60	144.30	- 0.60	
Smlr Secs	384.70	407.10	+ 0.80	
Thoroughbred	155.40	165.70	- 0.80	
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 298 422				
Cash	49.82	50.31†	+ 0.04	
Crdtd Primrose	55.36	59.49	- 0.28	
Ethical	57.86	62.21	- 0.28	
European Growth	76.78	82.34†	- 1.09	
Income	54.88	59.01†	- 0.18	
Intl Growth	99.51	106.70†	- 1.00	
Managed	84.78	91.16	- 0.43	
UK Growth	63.90	68.70	+ 0.01	
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	40.99	41.20	...	
Global Advtg Acc	43.93	44.15		
Income Advtg Inc	32.19	32.36†		
Income Advtg Acc	35.98	36.17		
UK Equity Gth Acc	69.50	73.67		
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	52.98	56.30	- 0.40	
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	37.97	40.35	- 0.22	
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	47.54	50.52	- 0.26	
UK Equity Gen Acc	65.28	69.36	- 0.12	
UK Equity Gen Inc	47.90	50.90	- 0.09	
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.76	32.53	- 0.41	
Oseas Liq Co Acc	319.30	340.50	- 2.70	
Nth American Acc	47.40	50.37	+ 0.12	
Far East Acc	68.19	72.46	- 1.01	
European Acc	54.48	57.89	- 0.61	
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 0171 344 7000				
Global A (US$)	3.789	4.019	- 0.05	
US Eqts (US$)	2.723	2.887	- 0.01	
Far East Eqts (yen)	193.40	205.40	- 9.40	
Japan Eqties (yen)	171.10	181.70	- 7.20	
FT Europe	133.10	141.10	- 2.60	
FT N Amer (US$)	2.027	2.148	- 0.01	
FT Japan (yen)	181.50	192.80	- 10.20	
FT Asia ExJap (US$)	2.585	2.746	- 0.03	
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 226 3271				
American	386.20	419.60	+ 1.70	
British	£10.47	£11.07	+ 1.40	
Emrging Mkts	137.30	146.10	- 2.10	
European	548.40	581.70	- 7.70	
Japan	128.20	136.40	- 2.60	
New Pacific	376.40	402.10†	- 5.20	
(Accum Units)	402.00	429.49	- 5.60	
Inv Trust Acc	262.40	279.20	- 0.90	
Mngd Equity	178.40	189.80	- 0.50	
Mngd Cash	95.17	95.17	- 0.03	
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 398				
Equity	861.20	921.10		
Nth America	132.66	141.60		
Far East	148.49	158.70		
Wwide Bond	58.62	62.44		
European	105.86	113.20		
Equity Income	91.73	98.11†		
Portfolio	88.70	94.87		
UK Leading Cos	63.93	68.19†		
Exempt Trusts				
Intl Equity	66.28	70.89		
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD 0800 525 725				
Amtrac UT	22.57	24.02†		
European	38.61	41.08†		
High Income	33.63	35.99		
Japan	33.23	35.36		
Managed Assets	130.42	140.49		
North American	34.51	36.72		
Smlr Co's Inc	30.70	32.67†		
Smlr Co's Acc	32.92	35.03†		
UK Growth Inc	59.76	63.58		
UK Growth Acc	64.71	68.85		
UK Income	41.76	44.67†		
Worldwide Gth	35.72	38.21		
Confederation				
Canadian Exempt	88.25	92.12†		
European Exempt	84.29	86.90†		
Pacific Exempt	58.39	61.23		
US Exempt	77.97	80.39		
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606				
Discretionary	50.01	53.20†		
Cap Protector Inc	42.86	44.98		
UK Income Inc	52.71	56.37		
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	33.11	35.41		
Mngd High Yld Inc	80.65	86.26†		
UK Smaller Cos	35.39	37.85		
Pacific Grth Port	48.88	51.42		
TSB UNIT TRUSTS 01264 346 794				
American	220.51	233.34		
(Accum Units)	242.68	257.01		
Brit Growth	101.68	107.59		
(Accum Units)	128.38	130.54		
European	106.40	112.69		
(Accum Units)	113.24	119.83		
Extra Income	197.51	209.01		
(Accum Units)	340.14	359.94		
Smaller Cos	73.74	78.03		
(Accum Units)	83.15	87.99		
General	297.38	314.69		
(Accum Units)	615.57	651.39		
Premier Income	48.88	51.75		
(Accum Units)	114.92	119.71		
Income	337.19	356.81†		
(Accum Units)	752.64	796.45†		
Pacific	396.18	419.24†		
(Accum Units)	416.29	440.51†		
International	534.63	565.74		
(Accum Units)	703.45	744.40		
Nat Resources	151.89	160.73		
Scot Opps	109.96	116.38		
(Accum Units)	140.80	148.99		
Environmental Inv	64.79	68.53		
Selector	63.88	67.60†		
(Accum Units)	72.68	76.91†		
High Income	64.71	68.48†		
(Accum Units)	84.33	89.23†		
Intl Income	59.75	63.23†		
(Accum Units)	75.01	79.37		
Selector Income	61.91	65.61†		
(Accum Units)	74.13	78.45		
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED 0181 687 1018				
British	341.70	359.60	- 1.40	
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	207.96	222.44	- 1.96	1.68
Glob Balncd Inc	176.16	188.41	- 1.52	3.54
Value Tst Inc	125.14	133.84†	- 0.43	1.93
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	41.65	43.55		7.30
European Growth	281.33	294.58		0.40
Exempt	549.84	574.06		2.90
Global Em Mkts	81.40	85.23		0.40
Japan Tst	70.74	74.07†		..
Little Dragons	82.34	86.68†		..
Nth Amer Gwth	240.55	251.86		0.60
Oriental Income	45.05	47.17		2.40
Preference	124.68	130.53		9.00
Tiger	284.76	298.20†		
(Accum Units)	299.20	313.29†		..
UK Blue Chip	65.25	68.32		1.90
UK Growth	527.14	551.97		2.30
UK High Yield	105.81	110.79		4.50
(Accum Units)	347.80	363.35		4.50
UK Mid-Cap	256.61	268.70		2.30
UK Smlr Cos	101.09	105.75		1.10
UK Smlr Cos Div	91.97	96.30		5.60
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGRS LTD 01277 690 396				
UK Equity Income	101.89	108.30		3.30
UK Equity Growth	89.86	95.60		2.67
European	73.21	77.88		1.32
Nth American	75.68	80.51		0.80
Far Eastern	66.17	70.39		1.08
Money	68.00	68.00		5.00
Fixed Interest	73.10	77.77		6.80
Index Linked Gilt	68.24	72.60		1.32
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	21.82	22.96		
Pacific Basin	42.37	44.59		
Global Bond (US$)	0.91	0.95		
Penny Share	40.09	42.19		
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 623 2444				
Challenger	98.51	98.69		
Short Dtd Gilt	114.70	116.20		
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.75	0.76		
Gilt Income	50.02	52.05		7.50
Gilt Growth	72.72	75.08		
City Reserve	52.72	52.72		5.80
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	50.80	53.87		1.72
UK Stockmarket	83.24	88.54		2.53

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Rate). † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle price. ... No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. Exit Charge.



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Impressive Norman storms into second-round lead at US Open

Montgomerie endures anxious wait

FROM JOHN HOPKINS
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COLIN MONTGOMERIE had to spend an anxious few hours last night before he knew whether or not he had survived to the third and fourth rounds of the US Open at Shinnecock Hills.

Montgomerie's record in this event is outstanding — third in 1992, second last year — but this year he has struggled. He added a 74 to his first-round 71 for a 36-hole total of 145 five over par, a score that was likely to be borderline.

Montgomerie always calls a spade a spade and he was accurate and succinct as he contemplated his chances of beating the halfway cut for the fourth successive year in this competition: "I didn't drive very well, I didn't hit my irons very well, I didn't chip very well and I didn't putt very well," he said, looking red-faced after four hours in the sunshine. "That's it."

Montgomerie could make the cut either as one of the leading 60 players or by being within ten strokes of the leader. For him to survive by the second method, the leader has to be no better than five under par.

Nick Price was four under overnight and not due to tee off until two hours after Montgomerie had finished. Greg Norman, after a first round containing 18 pars or better, had moved to five under par and into the outright lead by birdieing the final hole.

It was a sporting bet that, as the wind got up and the greens hardened under the benevolent influence of the sun, nobody would bett that score and thus Montgomerie, Europe's leading player last year, would survive.

Per-Ulrik Johanssen was almost certain to miss the cut after two rounds of 74 and Severiano Ballesteros was likely to. He is 36-hole total of 147 — 74, then 73 — was due to a bad back.

"I am going to get treatment for it," Ballesteros said. "If I beat the cut and I feel the same tomorrow as I do today, I'll play, but if it is any worse in the morning, then I won't. It is making me quit on every shot."

Phil Mickelson's round of 70 for 138, two under par, made him the tournament leader until Norman finished. The tidy way the left-hander had played — 13 pars, two birdies and three bogeys — was in marked contrast to Montgomerie, who had set out determined to eliminate the silly mistakes that had caused him to visit five bunkers in his first round. Perhaps it was the effort of trying not to do this that made him like a cat on hot bricks at the start and contributed to his dropping shots at the 2nd and 4th holes.

Montgomerie, Tom Lehman and Mickelson were warned for slow play on the 6th. Two pars helped Montgomerie to calm down and, when told the group was back on schedule, on the 8th tee, Montgomery recovered his humour and joked: "Okay lads, we can slow down again now."

The heart of St Andrews is the loop from the 8th to the 11th holes inclusive and the heart of Augusta is Amen Corner, the three holes starting at the 11th. The 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th holes are at the core of the challenge presented by Shinnecock.

"These four holes are the key to this tournament," Johnny Miller said. Do they have a name? No? Then what about the Fateful Four?

Montgomerie wobbled on Thursday as he played these holes, bogeying the 10th and 13th, deftly saving par on the 9th and hitting an eight iron to four feet on the downwind 12th for his only birdie of the day. By now he was four over par, seven strokes worse than Mickelson, and he fell further behind when he three-putted the 18th.

Norman is looking very threatening, even after dropping a shot on the 8th, one of the shortest par fours on a course with monstrously long par fours. It was his first bogey of the tournament.

He dropped a second stroke on the 10th by driving left and then hitting his second over the raised green which bounded down the grassy bank at the back. Norman recovered immediately and moved to four under par and into a tie for the lead with Price, who, at that moment, was practising his putting prior to beginning his second round.

Earlier in the week, Norman, 40, had said that he was as aggressive now as he had been in his twenties and thirties, but he had much more control. He looks as though he is going to be the man to beat.



Montgomerie blasts out of a bunker at the 4th during his second round in the US Open yesterday. Photograph: Steve Munday/Allsport

O'Brien sails safe course through treacherous trials

David Powell sees an impressive decathlon display by the world champion in Sacramento

The weather finally got to Dan O'Brien at the United States trials for the world athletics championships here, but it was not the Californian heat, normally up in the nineties at this time of year, that denied him a decathlon world record, rather the freak cold that has hit the state capital.

So cold was it that an athlete wore gloves in the men's 10,000 metres and hotel rooms were being stripped of their blankets as competitors took them to the stadium to keep warm.

The souvenir stalls sold out of sweatshirts, and the wind wreaked so much havoc with the decathlon that Aric Long was blown back from the landing bed in the pole vault, crashed awkwardly in the take-off box and was stretchered off to hospital. Yet, because of the weather interruptions, and even after 14 X-rays to clear him of a suspected fractured shoulder, he still had time to return to the stadium and rejoin the competition with a clearance of 4.70 metres.

For seven events, O'Brien carried on regardless, reaching the pole vault only 19 points off world-record schedule. His score included a 2.09 metres high jump, late on the first day, when the bar was almost impossible to pick out in the dark. The Hughes Stadium, the competition venue, is a football ground and the high jump fan falls out of the range of the floodlights.

Seeing two vaulters injured, O'Brien realised what folly it would be to attempt higher than the 4.80 metres that he recorded. A 5.00 metres clearance would have taken him into the javelin, the ninth event, with the record of 8,891 points in sight. A throw of 61.56 metres left him needing a 4min 27sec 1,500 metres, and he did not even try, settling into a comfortable rhythm to record 5min 01.22sec.

O'Brien's score of 8,682 points was sufficient, though, to give him comfortable victory and secure his place in the United States' team for the world championships. He will be seeking his third successive world title.

Under the Americans' sudden-death system, the first three in each event at the national championships are selected, no exceptions. In the past four years, O'Brien, Carl Lewis and Leroy Burrell have each fallen victim to a process that allows no flexibility to choose brilliant athletes who happen to have a bad day.

In O'Brien's case, he missed the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona after failing to clear a height in the pole vault in the trials.

Add to that list, from the first two days of the championships this year, Andre Cason, Steve Lewis and Quincy Watts. Cason was second, behind Linford Christie, in the 100 metres at the world championships in 1993, but will not be in Gothenburg after going out in the first round. Lewis and Watts, the Olympic 400 metres champions in 1988 and 1992, went out in the heats of that event. The second-coldest June 15 in 117 years was not a day for sprinters.



O'Brien: dominant

O'Brien, though, is safe, the reformed heavy drinker completing his triumph at 11.40pm in the rain — dry on the inside, wet on the outside.

SCORES FROM SHINNECOCK

United States unless stated

First round

66: N Price (Zim)
67: S Simpson.
68: P Mickelson, G Norman (Aus).
69: J Maggert, F Zoeller, B Glasson, S Lowery, P Tway, M Ozaki (Japan).
70: G Hjorberg, J Haas, V Singh (Fiji), J Cook, T Watson, C Byrum, * C Tidland, C Zambri, C Perry, N Lancaster, T Lehman, L Janzin, M McCumber, T Kite, C Strange, G Bruckner, D Duval, J Gullion.
71: S Stricker, T Tryba, O Uresti, D Quigley, B Bryant, J Gallagher, J Daly, B Britton, M Brisky, L Sutton, M Roe (GB), B Jobe, B Ogle (Aus), D Nordberg (Swe), C Montgomerie (GB), B Faxon, J Nicklaus.
72: D Mann, M McNulty (Zim), F Nobilo (NZ), D Love, C Pavin, N Faldo (GB), I Woosnam (GB), B Crenshaw, * J Gourvenec, J Sluman, S Verplank, W Andrade, B Hughes (Aus), M A Jiménez (Sp), D Waldorf, D Edwards, T Hobby, S Elkington (Aus), P Jacobsen

Others: 73: M Olazabal (Sp), P Azinger, 74: D Gilford (GB), B Langer (Ger), P Stewart, E Els (SA), * T Woods, B Lane (GB), P-U Johansson (Swe), S Ballesteros (Sp), M Calcavecchia, 75: C Beck, H Irwin, 76: W Grady (Aus), I Baker-Finch (Aus) 77: F Couples, T Armour, S Hobday (SA)

Second round

138: P Mickelson 68, 70. 139: B Glasson 69, 70. 141: S Verplank 72, 69, W Andrade 72, 69, S Lowery 69, 72. 142: N Lancaster 70, 72; T Lehman 70, 72; J McGovern 73, 69; D Waldorf 72, 70; S Simpson 67, 75. 143: B Hughes (Aus) 72, 71. 144: M Jiménez (Sp) 72, 72, G Boros 73, 71; B Faxon 71, 73. 145: P Jordan 74, 71, C Montgomerie (GB) 71, 74. 146: B Ogle (Aus) 71, 75, D Edwards 72, 74, M Hulbert 74, 72, T Armour 77, 69, B Lane (GB) 74, 72. 147: B Estes 80, 67, J Huston 74, 73; S Ballesteros (Sp) 74, 73; L Mize 73, 74. 148: R Gamez 78, 72, D Nordberg 71, 77, P-U Johansson (Swe) 74, 74.

* denotes amateur

Hall justifies position as favourite

BY MEL WEBB

A DISPLAY of utterly dominating golf by Julie Hall put her into the semi-finals of the Ladies' British Amateur Championship at Royal Portrush yesterday after she had been taken all the way — and beyond — by a plucky opponent in the third round in the morning.

Hall moved into the last four with a performance of power and accuracy that left Lesley Nicholson puffing forlornly in her slipstream. She was five under par for the 12 holes she played, admitted when pressed that it could have been seven, and won 7 and 6. "I played about as well as it's possible for me to play," Hall said. "I felt a bit sorry for Lesley — it's difficult to get into a match when your opponent is flying at the flag on every hole and then making the putts."

Yet things had been very different before lunch as she was taken to the 20th by Maitena Alsuguren, of France. Alsuguren did not make a mistake until she missed a short putt on the 9th, but still turned two up.

The decisive blow in Hall's recovery came at the 15th, where she failed to escape from a bunker at the first time of asking but then got up and down to halve the hole.

After halving the 18th and the first extra hole, Hall hit a big drive on the par-five 2nd and put her second shot on to the back of the green. Alsuguren, meanwhile, drove short, found a pot bunker with a metal wood from the rough with her second shot and could not match Hall's two-putt birdie to win the match. It was a cruel end for the slim young Frenchwoman, who did brilliantly to withstand for so long the pressure of playing the championship favourite.

In her semi-final this morning Hall will play Janice Moodie, who won the point that ensured that Great Britain and Ireland retained the Curtis Cup last year. Moodie beat Cathy Schmitt, another member of a talented French contingent, by 3 and 2.

The pair came on to the 12th green all square, but then Moodie holed an 18-foot putt to go one up and won two of the next three holes to bring the match to an end on the 16th green.

Kristel Mourgue D'Algue, of France, who won the NCAA championship at Wilmington, North Carolina, two weeks ago, beat Eileen Rose Power at the 19th after a cut-and-thrust battle, and will play Hazel Kavanagh in the other semi-final. Kavanagh was taken to the 19th before she moved past the formidable Mhairi McKay, eventually sealing her win with a 15-foot putt for a birdie.

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ATHLETICS

NUREMBERG: International meeting: Selected results: Men: 100m: 1, D Bailey (Can) 10.05sec, 5, J Regis (GB) 10.45, 400m: K Just (Ger) 46.13, 800m: 1, N Motschebon (Ger) 1min 45.74sec, 6, C Winrow (GB) 1:48.11, 1,500m: 1, R Stenzel (Ger) 3:40.11, 2, J Mayock (GB) 3.40.70, 5,000m: R Denmark (GB) 13:13.77. 110 metres hurdles: 1, F Schwanhoff (Ger) 13.19sec, 2, M Fenner (Ger) 13.41; 3, C Jackson (GB) 13.43, 400m hurdles: O Tverdokhleb (Ukr) 48.71, Pole vault: 1, T Lobinger (Ger) 5.65m, 4, N Buckfield (GB) 5.40 Discus: L Riedel (Ger) 66.60 Women: 100m: 1, M Otley (Jam) 11.10sec 400m: M Neef (GS) 51.70, 1,500m: 1, C Wuestenhagen (Ger) 4min 09.98sec, 5, B Hanigan (GB) 4 11.96 400m hurdles: H Meisner (Ger) 55.34, Long jump: H Drechsler (Ger) 6.59m Triple jump: V Naeris (Est) 14.11

SACRAMENTO: United States championships: Men: 10,000m 1, T Williams 28min 01.84sec; 2, C Fox 28.23.94, 3, T Ansbarry 28.27.85 Decathlon: 1, D O'Brien 8,682pts, 2, C Huffins 8,351; 3, B Brophy 8,257 Women: 5,000m: 1, G Prokopcuk 15min 25.34sec; 2, L Mykyjok 15.27.52; 3, L Johnson 15:28.27 Heptathlon: J Joyner-Kersee 6,375pts

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BASKETBALL

BRNO, Czech Republic: Women's European championship: Quarter-final: Italy 74 Moldavia 43, Ukraine 76 Lithuania 72, Slovakia 85 Czech Republic 75

BOWLS

TEIGNMOUTH: Open tournament: Singles: Fifth round: D Denison bt S Thompson 21-14, P Mann bt D Gunstone 21-17; S Montboys bt C Honeywill 21-5, B Hancock bt A Totterdell 21-20; N Jones bt D Burch 21-10, M Dare bt M Philips 21-17, R Johnson bt D James 21-10; L Bowden bt K Dunn 21-10. Quarter-finals: Denison bt Mann 21-5, Montboys bt Hancock 21-17, Jones bt Dare 21-10, Johnson bt Bowden 21-9. Semi-finals: Denison bt Montboys 21-14, Johnson bt Jones 21-13. Final: Denison bt Johnson 21-18.

CRICKET

BAIN HOGG TROPHY: Bishop Auckland: Durham 338-9 (S Hutton 129) Derbyshire 169 (C L Campbell 4-53) Durham won by 170 runs. Bradford: Yorkshire 270-6 (A A Metcalfe 139 not, G M Hamilton 52 not), Lancashire 247 (R J Green 66, D J Shadford 80, G M Hamilton 5-43) Yorkshire won by 23 runs. Haywards Heath: MCC Young Cricketers 229-7 (A Evans 57), Sussex 215-6 (D M Smith 84, M Newell 61) MCC Young Cricketers won by 14 runs.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Toft: Cheshire 226-4 dec (I Cockbain 68) and 182-6 dec (R Hignett 66, J Gray 54), Cornwall 121 (A J Murphy 6-50, N Peel 4-44) and 180 (A Seymour 69, P Carrick 4-39, R Hignett 5-21) Cheshire won by 107 runs.
OTHER MATCH: The Parks: Combined Services 145 and 216-9 (J Bobby 96), Oxford University 215 (J M Attfield 92)

CYCLING

TOUR OF SWITZERLAND: Fourth stage (262km, Geneva to Lenzburg) 1, E Zabel (Ger) 6hr 21min 46sec, 2, G Fidanza (It), 3 D Abduschaparov (Uzb) 4, G Celeso (It), 5, A di Basco (It), 6, J Capiot (Bel). Overall: 1, A Zuelle (Swit) 17:02:18, 2, T Rominger (Swit) at 1sec, 3, P Richard (Swit) at 5, L Armstrong (US) at 11, 5, Z Jaskula (Pol) at 15, 6, V Ekimov (Russ) at 16

FOOTBALL

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP (Sweden): Semi-final: Germany 1 China 0 (in Helsingborg)

GLIDING

NYMPSFIELD, Gloucestershire: Rolex National standard class championships: Third day (223km 10 finishers of 47) 1, J Hallam (Discus) 87.9kph, 1 000pts, 2, B Marsh (ASW24) 84.9 954, 3, A Stone (Discus) 84.6, 949; 4, N Tillett (Discus) 83.9, 940; 5, T Scott (Discus) 83.4, 933, 6, E Smith (LS4) 82.6, 920, 7, C Rollings (Discus) 82.1, 912; 8, R Fox (Discus) 81.1 897 Overall (provisional) 1, M Young (Discus) 2,182, 2, E Lyszkowski (Discus) 2,084, 3, P Jeffery (LS7) 2,042.

GOLF

ROYAL PORTRUSH: British women's amateur championship. Third round: J Hall (Folkestone Penyl) bt M Alsuguren (Fr) at 20th; L Nicholson (Haddington) bt H Jones (Strathaine) 1 hole, J Moodie (Nindyhill) bt A Berg (Swe) 3 and 2, C Schmitt (Fr) bt S Beaudet (Sp) 3 and 2, K Mourgue D'Algue (Fr) bt J-M Busuttil (Fr) at 19th, E Power (Tulkenny) bt F Brown (Heswall) 1 hole, H Kavanagh (Grange) bt L Griffin (US) at 20th, M McKay (Turnberry) bt A Armas (Sp) at 19th. Fourth round: Hall bt Nicholson 7 and 6, Moodie bt Schmitt 3 and 2, Mourgue D'Algue bt Power at 19th, Kavanagh bt McKay at 19th

LA MOYE: DHL Jersey Open: Early scores after two rounds (GS and he unless stated) 137: L Westwood 67, 70, R Wessels (SA) 69 68, 138: D Karlsson (Swe) 69, 69, A Oldcorn 70, 68, W Stephens 70, 68, M Litton 72, 66, 139: J McHenry 69, 70, 140: J Hawksworth 71, 69, F Tamaud (Fr) 72, 68, G Hjerstedt (Swe) 70, 70, 141: P Baker 71, 70, D Smyth 72, 69, H Thul (Ger) 72, 69; J Robinson 71, 70, P McGinley 73, 68, S Cage 71, 70, 142: C Cassells 70, 72, S Richardson 70, 72, P Mitchell 73, 69, M Roberts 74, 68, 143: P Broadhurst 70, 73, 144: A Sherborne 71, 73, D J Russell 74, 70, I Spencer 74, 70, R Willson 71, 73, L White 73, 71, 145: K Waters 73, 72, G Ryall 75, 70, J Wilshire 72, 73, P Talbot 73, 72, 146, P Mayo 77, 69, A Lebouc (Fr) 72, 74, S Watson 69, 77, J Robson 69, 77, 147: P Price 72, 75, T Chamley 74, 73, R Burns 76, 71

ZELL AM SEE, Austria: OVB Austrian Open: First round (GB and Ire unless stated) 65: L Marco-Arturs (SA) 66: W Doctan (Aus), A Sorenstam (Swe) 67: C Dibnah (Aus), 68: E Otley (Swe), R Camacho (Sp), H Wadsworth, A Brighouse 69: F Dassu (It), D Barnard, M-L de Lorenzo (Fr) 70, N Burton, L Fairclough, J Forbes, S Prosser, A Arruz (Sp), T Fischer (Ger), S Mandibeau (Fr), K Davies, L Davies, S Moon (US)

ROCHESTER, New York: LPGA Rochester International: First round (US unless stated) 67: L Neumann (Swe), 68: J Carner, N Sowen, M Redman, 69: C Walker, J Geddes, D Engeling, H Alfredsson (Swe) 70: B Thomas, S Steinauer, A Ritzman, 71: K Bauer, E Klein, N Jerev, D Baldwin. Others scores: 73: J Ledbeck (Peru) M Figueras-Dotti (Spa) 74: C Pierce (GB) D Cox-Jones (Can) Alicia Dibos (Peru), 75: P Wright (GB), N Ishino-Brophy (Can), L Walters (Can), A Mauri (Aus), N Harvey (Can), E Dahlqvist (Swe) 76: S Maynor (GB), S Little (SA), S Strudwick (GB), C Nilsmark (Swe), C Mathews (GB) 77: C Hjalmarsson (Swe) 79: J Stephenson (Aus) 80: A M Palli (Fr)

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TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Stella Artois championship: Third round: S Stolle (Aus) bt J Brickman (Swe) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; M Goellner (Ger) bt M Rosset (Switz), 6-4, 6-7, 6-2, J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt S Eeberg (Swe) 6-3, 0-6, 6-4, S Becker (Ger) bt J Frana (Arg) 6-4, 6-2, G Kuerten (Bra) bt P Korda (Cz) 6-3, 6-7, 7-5, D Rostagno (US) bt (4) W Ferreira (SA) 7-5, 6-7, 10-8. Quarter-finals: P Sampras (US) bt Stolle 6-2, 6-3, Goellner bt Rostagno 7-5, 6-4, Forget bt Ivanisevic 6-3, 7-6, Becker bt Stoltenberg 6-4, 6-1

EDGBASTON: DFS Classic women's tournament: Quarter-finals: E Reinach (SA) bt N Arendt (US) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3, E Callens (Bel) bt K Radford (Aus) 6-2, 6-4, Z Garrison-Jackson (US) bt C Singer (Ger) 6-2, 6-3, L McNeil (US) bt L Courtois (Bel) 6-0, 6-3

YACHTING

HAYLING ISLAND: Euro Olympic Regatta: 470 class: 1, J Lea and B Slade (GB), 2, K Nunon and C Myners (GB), 3, L Walker and L Rushall (GB) Europe class: 1, S Robertson (GB), 2, S Emerson (Can), 3, A Bowman (Ire) Tornado class: 1, R Hagara and W Noser (Austria), 2 J Pierce and S Park (GB) 3 A Hagara and F Schneeberger Overall: Laser class: 1, M Littlejohn (GB), 2, M Deacon (Australia)
SANTA CRUZ, Tenerife: Laser world championship: Sixth race: 1, N Burfoot (NZ), 2, H Pepper (NZ), 3 E Mellaby (Nor), British: 12, B Ainslie Overall: 1 R Schneeb (Br) 8pts, 2, Burfoot 9, 3, Mellaby 16 British: 20, Ainslie 69 26, H Styles 77pts

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Stewart must be given opening role

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE night porter at the riverside hotel in Worcester, that hosts the meeting, this evening, of the England selectors, must expect to be kept busy, for the one thing that can be said with certainty about the team for the Test match at Lord's next week is that it will be some time in the picking.

To lose the first Test match at Headingley was bad enough, given the psychological shift towards the West Indies that it produced, but to lose it by playing sloppily and with a misconceived team was culpable, particularly when England must now play catch-up cricket on the ground where they have been at their most vulnerable in recent years.

The importance of the game cannot be overstated. If England lose again, the series will be gone almost beyond recall and the captaincy of Michael Atherton, whose appointment covers only half the summer, will be under renewed pressure. So Atherton must be given the correct team and that means the selectors starting their debate from a fresh standpoint.

Before Headingley, the perceived priority was to decide who should keep wicket. Once Alec Stewart had been installed, the rest of the team fell into place. Now, the priority must be to resolve the best opening partner for Atherton, and, if the errors of the first Test are properly acknowledged, Stewart will again be the first name on the selectors' notepads.

This will not be achieved without considerable grinding of teeth. Raymond Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, will be reluctant to abandon a policy after one game. He will be still more unwilling to admit to a mistake, but it must be done. Stewart is demonstrably a different player when going in first and England cannot afford to squander his ability through further compromise.

Reinstating Stewart at No 2 creates two subsidiary questions. Who will take his place in the middle-order and who will keep wicket? The first position is likely to come down to a choice between Robin Smith and John Crawley: the second to concern Steven Rhodes and Jack Russell. This pre-supposes that Illingworth can be persuaded that his desire for five specialist bowlers cannot be accommodated within the available resources.

Smith was transparently ill-equipped for the opening role identified for him, and he must now be assessed on a different basis. It may be thought fair to give him another game in his natural position, but I prefer the claims of Crawley, who has worked diligently at his technique and mobility since the winter tour. He has his best England days ahead of him, which cannot be predicted of Smith.

The alternative, a player such as Craig White or Jason Gallian, who can satisfy Illingworth's quest for a fifth bowler, ought not to be pursued.

The progressive wicketkeeping choice would be Paul Nixon, who impressed with the A team in India. Pragmatists might prefer the notion of a batsman-with-gloves, such as Keith Brown. The selectors, however, are likely to discuss the merits of restoring Jack Russell and then return to Rhodes, a failure in Australia but the sort of pugnacious character with whom both captain and chairman feel comfortable.

England have a number of injury worries — Atherton's back prominent among them — and the make-up of the bowling attack cannot be finalised until nearer the game. Peter Martin and Darren Gough are both sure to be named in a party that might stretch to 13, but will need to prove their recoveries from thigh and back injuries respectively.

Ironically, the one bowler sure of starting the match is Richard Illingworth, whose contentious inclusion at Headingley must now be registered as a shrewd piece of selection. He is bowling with more confidence and variation than at any stage of his career.

Angus Fraser, erroneously left out there, must play on his home pitch, where the slope and the slowness of the surface will surely rule out Devon Malcolm. Phil DeFreitas's position will also be under review after his uneven performance at Headingley. He will probably survive in the party, but there is now a compelling case for Dominic Cork, who is in fine form and equipped with a destructive outswinger, to be granted a belated Test debut.

A possible squad might therefore be: Atherton, Stewart, Hick, Thorpe, Crawley, Ramprakash, Rhodes, Cork, Fraser, Gough, Martin, Illingworth, DeFreitas.

Lamb's refusal to lie down earns leaders lion's share

BY JACK BAILEY

LUTON (second day of four): Northamptonshire (20pts) beat Essex (4) by two wickets

KEEPING a cool head under pressure is a virtue that Northamptonshire have had to summon to their assistance a great deal recently. Yesterday, in a match which could have gone either way until the very end, they again relied upon all the *sang froid* at their disposal, coming home by two wickets with the highest innings of the match.

They thus maintained their sizeable lead at the head of the Britannic Assurance County Championship while passing a vote of thanks to Allan Lamb, their captain, whose undefeated half century was at the heart of their effort.

There is no better man in a crisis than Lamb, and Northamptonshire's second innings had its critical times. The Essex three-man attack of Mark Ilott, Ronnie Irani and Steve Waugh worked their way through the batting order until eight wickets had fallen for 161. Northamptonshire were still 28 runs adrift and, when Anil Kumble came in, the chances of Lamb running out of partners were very real.

Kumble proved himself a man of steel, however. Lamb said afterwards that the Indian Test bowler was full of confidence. "He said, 'leave it to me, captain', so I did," Lamb added. "After that I never doubted we would win."

It was extraordinary how Kumble, who met each ball, whatever its nature, with a flowing off drive which sometimes connected, contrived to keep the bowling and at the same time score 17 precious runs off various parts of the bat.

But it was, of course, really Lamb and fluent contributions from Warren, Curran and Snape that followed a dogged, determined innings by Montgomerie, which won the day. It is also true to say that the conditions, though still difficult, had eased, while the Essex bowling lacked the fine edge that had cut through Northamptonshire for 46 on Thursday.

Not many, but too many, balls were sufficiently wide and under-pitched to give Lamb and others room to manoeuvre through the off-side. Give Lamb a little room and he will make you pay, and yesterday he did so to the tune of six fours — a scarce commodity in this match — scored while he faced 71 balls. The admirable Curran also raised eyebrows with a short-arm jab off Irani that cleared the mid-wicket boundary.

As Northamptonshire neglected few scoring chances in this all-or-nothing situation, Ilott continued in his role as their chief adversary. The story of the day's play may be gleaned from his five for 86 from 22 overs. On Thursday, he had taken nine wickets and bowled at fewer than two runs an over.

Which is not to say other than that he bowled extremely well yesterday; and 14 wickets in any match, let alone against the championship leaders, should serve to give the selectors more than a gentle nudge in spite of Raymond Illingworth's reportedly dismissive reaction to Thursday's effort.

Lamb was clearly of the opinion that fortune had been with his team during the recent series of tight finishes from which they have emerged victorious. Their last four matches have brought a win over Surrey by nine runs after being bowled out for 59 in their second innings; victory off the last ball of the match at Sheffield; a dour second-innings battle on a bowler's pitch for a two-day win against Derbyshire; and now this result.

Given a few days of sunshine, instead of a week of cloud cover after heavy rain, this pitch would have been a batsman's heaven. That conditions turned out as they did was nobody's fault but the weather's.

SCOREBOARD

ESSEX: First Innings 127 (R J Rollins 52 not out; D J Capel 5 for 29)
Second Innings 107 (J P Taylor 7 for 50)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 46 (M C Ilott 9 for 19)
Second Innings

N A Mallender lbw b Ilott	8
R R Montgomerie c Hussain b Ilott	18
M B Loye lbw b Irani	14
R J Bailey lbw b Ilott	1
*A J Lamb not out	50
†R J Warren c Hussain b Waugh	25
K M Curran c Prichard b Waugh	24
D J Capel c Robinson b Ilott	6
J N Snape lbw b Ilott	14
A Kumble not out	17
Extras (b 4, lb 2, w 1, nb 8)	15
Total (8 wkts)	192

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-49, 3-53, 4-56, 5-94, 6-131, 7-142, 8-161.
BOWLING: Ilott 22-0-86-5; Irani 17-7-53-1; Waugh 17-4-47-2.
Umpires: D J Constant and R A White.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Ilott, the Essex seamer, appeals successfully after trapping Mallender leg-before

Moody exacts heavy toll

BY ALAN LEE

WORCESTER (second day of four): Lancashire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 249 runs behind Worcestershire

LANCASHIRE have not quite convinced themselves they have the resources to win the championship, and days like this will do nothing for their self-belief. Fielding a man short, their weakened and wayward attack sustained such severe damage that the last remaining unbeaten record in the competition may well be short-lived.

On a pitch that had offered batsmen no security on the first day, Graeme Hick and Tom Moody mocked all cautious calculations with a domineering stand of 250 in 53 overs. Of all the batting combinations in county cricket, perhaps only this pair would have been capable of such mayhem and Moody's dismissal in the session's penultimate over deprived us, by six runs, of the rare sight of two batsmen scoring 100 before lunch.

Lancashire rallied to take four wickets for 35 but the next three wickets each added more than 50 before Stuart Lampitt was caught on the long-leg boundary, inches short of the six that would have completed his second century. The catcher, Nick Speak, was bowled, playing no stroke to Newport, to end Lancashire's woebegone day.

This has been a careless performance by Lancashire, mentally hung over after the high adrenalin of Tuesday's Benson and Hedges Cup win, things going wrong from the moment it was decided to include an injured Michael Atherton.

Thus far, Atherton's part in the game has been brief and painful. His back spasm, which habitually stretches down his left leg, deteriorated overnight and he visited a doctor before play. Plainly unfit to field, he spent his day on the balcony with a variety of England officials, including the chairman, and continued to express confidence about recovering for the Lord's Test.

But the fact that he came into the match with an injury meant that Moody, appointed yesterday as Worcestershire's captain for the rest of the season, felt entitled to refuse the use of a substitute.

Moody's innings, his third consecutive championship century, suffered only by comparison with Hick, who launched the day with such startling belligerence that eight of his first ten scoring shots were fours. The 82nd century of his career was completed with a typically savage square-cut against Gallian.

Lampitt, an underrated cricketer still improving at 28, ensured in his unfussy way that Lancashire would pay full penance for their errors of the opening day.

Apprentice crashes through opening barrier

BY PAT GIBSON

COLWYN BAY (second day of four): Middlesex, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 183 runs ahead of Glamorgan

NEITHER Desmond Haynes nor Michael Roseberry could have made a better job of putting Middlesex in command of this match than Jason Pooley, their long-time apprentice, did with the highest score of his career.

It was an indication of the progress the left-handed Pooley has made since he was asked to solve the crisis caused by the departure of the two experienced opening batsmen in his first full season.

Pooley, who will be 26 in August, has had to wait a long time for his chance. He made his first class debut as long ago as 1989 but although he always seemed to be a cut above his contemporaries in the second XI the presence of Haynes and Roseberry limited his opportunities.

He did not find it easy at first, which was hardly surprising without a senior partner to show him the way but he made his first century against Worcestershire, carried his bat for 85 against Derbyshire and yesterday produced his best innings.

Pooley is a stroke player who is learning to curb his impetuosity and he made few mistakes on his way to 125 off 176 balls on a slow pitch which suited his forcing style. He was particularly severe on the toiling Glamorgan spinners as he struck 14 fours and five sixes, one of which cleared the pavilion and smashed the windscreen of a car belonging to Middlesex's 12th man, Farbrace. It could have been worse, Farbrace's car was parked between those of his captain, Gatting, and his vice-captain Carr.

Ramprakash had joined Pooley in a second wicket partnership of 193 in 51 overs and Glamorgan could hardly believe their luck when Ramprakash pulled the first ball after lunch straight to square leg. Pooley sliced Barwick to cover point soon afterwards and Gatting was run out when Watkin deflected a fierce drive from Carr into the stumps at the bowler's end. After that, however, Carr and Brown took complete control.

Carr, batted beautifully to make 129 and Brown showed why he is mentioned as a possible England wicketkeeper-batsman by scoring a century of his own.

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbyshire v Somerset

DERBY (second day of four): Somerset, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, need 64 runs to avoid an innings defeat against Derbyshire

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 378 (D J Cullinan 181, A S Rollins 66; Mushtaq Ahmed 5 for 107)

SOMERSET: First Innings

M N Lathwell lbw b DeFreitas	1
M E Trescothick c Wells b Malcolm	22
P D Bowler c Wells b Malcolm	0
R J Harden c Tweats b Malcolm	33
*A N Hayhurst b Warner	19
K A Parsons b Cork	43
G D Rose lbw b Cork	28
†R J Turner lbw b Cork	1
Mushtaq Ahmed not out	10
J I D Kerr b Cork	2
M Dimond c Krikken b DeFreitas	7
Extras (b 1, lb 12, w 1, nb 12)	26
Total (57 overs)	189

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-25, 3-34, 4-81, 5-109, 6-157, 7-167, 8-168, 9-174.
BOWLING: Malcolm 18-3-78-3; DeFreitas 12-5-16-2; Warner 12-3-44-1; Cork 15-0-40-4.

Second Innings

M N Lathwell c Krikken b DeFreitas	9
M E Trescothick lbw b Cork	0
P D Bowler not out	57
R J Harden not out	47
Extras (b 3, lb 6, nb 2)	11
Total (2 wkts)	123

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-20.
BOWLING: DeFreitas 12-3-36-1; Cork 8-1-14-1; Warner 14-4-27-0; Malcolm 8.2-0-37-0.
Bonus points: Derbyshire 8 Somerset 4
Umpires: N T Plews and P B Wight.

Glamorgan v Middlesex

COLWYN BAY (second day of four): Middlesex, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 183 runs ahead of Glamorgan

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 278 (H A G Anthony 58, H Morris 53)

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

P N Weekes c Maynard b Anthony	1
J C Pooley c Cosley b Barwick	125
M R Ramprakash c Cosley b Watkin	69
J D Carr c Barwick b Croft	129
*M W Gatting not out	7
†K R Brown not out	104
D J Nash c Metson b Croft	8
J E Emburey not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 5, nb 6)	16
Total (6 wkts, 127 overs)	459

Score at 120 overs: 430-5
R L Johnson, A R C Fraser and P C R Tufnell to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-198, 3-205, 4-217, 5-426, 6-459.
BOWLING: Watkin 27-11-80-1; Anthony 13-2-56-1; Croft 33-6-120-2; Kendrick 15-1-82-0; Barwick 23-5-82-1; Hemp. 7-0-26-0; Cosley 3-0-13-0.
Bonus points: Glamorgan 4 Middlesex 8
Umpires: G I Burgess and K J Lyons.

Glocs v Hants

BRISTOL (second day of four): Gloucestershire, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 75 runs behind Hampshire

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry b Smith	12
R S M Morris b Smith	0
J P Stephenson c Lynch b Boden	4
R A Smith lbw b Smith	138
*M C J Nicholas c Russell b Srinath	6
G W White lbw b Pike	34
K D James c Russell b Boden	53
†A N Aymes run out	18
S D Udal b Pike	32
H H Streak c Russell b Smith	6
C A Connor not out	20
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 1, nb 10)	18
Total (114 overs)	341

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-12, 3-16, 4-52, 5-169, 6-209, 7-243, 8-285, 9-308.
BOWLING: Smith 27-6-76-4; Boden 22-2-73-2; Srinath 18-4-50-1; Alleyne 19-7-41-0; Pike 28-2-94-2.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A J Wright c and b Udal	50
G D Hodgson lbw b Udal	27
M A Lynch b Streak	14
R I Dawson c White b Udal	12
M W Alleyne b Udal	25
*†R C Russell not out	82
A Symonds c Streak b Udal	2
J Srinath c Smith b Udal	10
D J P Boden lbw b Stephenson	2
A M Smith c Stephenson b Connor	10
V Pike not out	12
Extras (b 2, lb 4, nb 14)	20
Total (9 wkts, 183 overs)	295

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-83, 2-100, 3-108, 4-121, 5-162, 6-168, 7-191, 8-202, 9-229.
BOWLING: Connor 15-3-42-1; Streak 24-6-58-1; Stephenson 18-5-44-1; James 12-1-51-0; Udal 34-10-65-6.
Bonus points: Gloucestershire 6 Hampshire 7
Umpires: J C Balderstone and P Willey.

Leics v Notts

LEICESTER (second day of four): Leicestershire have a first innings lead of 17 runs over Nottinghamshire

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

D L Maddy c Archer b Pick	1
*N E Briers lbw b Chapman	20
W J Cronje lbw b Evans	15
J J Whitaker c Noon b Hindson	127
B F Smith c Hindson b Chapman	4
†P A Nixon c Archer b Evans	39
J M Dakin not out	101
G J Parsons c Johnson b Hindson	12
D J Millns c Archer b Pick	20
A D Mullally c Pick b Evans	1
A R K Pierson b Pick	8
Extras (b 5, lb 9, w 1, nb 18)	33
Total (118.5 overs)	381

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-32, 3-42, 4-60, 5-173, 6-231, 7-295, 8-351, 9-368.
BOWLING: Pick 21.5-3-81-3; Millns 23-6-82-0; Evans 27-9-65-3; Chapman 14-2-78-2; Hindson 33-9-80-2.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

M P Dowman b Mullally	0
*R T Robinson b Millns	4
G F Archer b Parsons	24
P Johnson b Mullally	70
C L Cairns c and b Parsons	98
†W M Noon b Pierson	45
K P Evans c Dakin b Pierson	22
J E Hindson c Maddy b Pierson	7
G W Mike run out	8
R A Pick b Millns	18
R J Chapman not out	3
Extras (b 10, lb 14, w 2, nb 38)	64
Total (96.5 overs)	364

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-26, 3-59, 4-209, 5-274, 6-309, 7-328, 8-337, 9-348.
BOWLING: Mullally 13-0-60-2; Millns 20.5-4-78-2; Parsons 26-8-75-2; Dakin 3-1-14-0; Cronje 5-1-25-0; Pierson 29-8-61-3.
Bonus points: Leicestershire 8 Nottinghamshire 8
Umpires: M J Kitchen and A A Jones.

Sussex v Surrey

HORSHAM (second day of four): Surrey, with five second-innings wickets in hand, are 277 runs ahead of Sussex

SURREY: First Innings 187 (E S H Giddins 4 for 54, J Lewry 4 for 77)
Second Innings

J D Ratcliffe c Salisbury b Lewry	9
*A J Stewart c Greenfield b Lewry	150
M A Butcher lbw b Giddins	5
G P Thorpe b Lewry	110
A D Brown c Wells b Salisbury	42
A J Hollioake not out	26
A W Smith not out	24
Extras (b 12, lb 13, w 1, nb 10)	34
Total (5 wkts)	400

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-54, 3-297, 4-304, 5-382.
BOWLING: Giddins 22-3-86-1; Lewry 14.0-84-3; Hemmings 23-5-63-0; Salisbury 20-4-78-1; Stephenson 9-0-60-0.

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham lbw b Butcher	21
J W Hall lbw b Benjamin	33
K Newell c Kersey b Holloake	17
*A P Wells c Kersey b Benjamin	9
K Greenfield c Stewart b Benjamin	0
†P Moores c Kersey b Benjamin	5
F D Stephenson c Kersey b Benjamin	1
I D K Salisbury lbw b Butcher	1
J Lewry not out	0
E S H Giddins c Stewart b Butcher	4
E E Hemmings c Stewart b Reckemann	4
Extras (b 9, lb 2, w 3, nb 28)	34
Total (82.5 overs)	153

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-88, 3-193, 4-193, 5-195, 6-250, 7-257, 8-275, 9-275.
BOWLING: Reckemann 10.5-3-40-1; Benjamin 26-8-94-5; Butcher 15-1-71-3, Newell 14-8-24-0; Smith 5-0-36-0; Hollioake 12-2-26-1.
Bonus points: Sussex 7 Surrey 4
Umpires: B Leadbeater and A G T Whitehead.

Worcs v Lancs

WORCESTER (second day of four): Lancashire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 249 runs behind Worcestershire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

J E R Gallian c Curtis b Illingworth	2
N J Speak c Hick b Newport	2
J P Crawley c Rhodes b Newport	4
N H Fairbrother c Rhodes b Lampitt	1
G D Lloyd b Thomas	3
*M Watkinson b Illingworth	0
Wasim Akram c Rhodes b Haynes	1
M A Atherton lbw b Illingworth	1
†W K Hegg not out	1
G Yates c Moody b Illingworth	1
G Chapple c Haynes b Lampitt	1
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 1, nb 10)	7
Total (61.4 overs)	30

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-71, 3-89, 4-94, 5-142, 6-168, 7-170, 8-170, 9-201
BOWLING: Newport 18-8-35-2; Thomas 17-5-47-1; Lampitt 18.4-6-44-2, Illingworth 26-11-63-4; Haynes 4-0-10-1.

Second Innings

J E R Gallian not out	1
N J Speak b Newport	1
G Yates not out	1
Extras (nb 4)	4
Total (1 wkt)	7

FALL OF WICKET: 1-17.
BOWLING: Newport 7-2-16-1; Thomas 4-0-16-0; Illingworth 3-3-0-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T S Curtis c Fairbrother b Chapple	16
W P C Weston lbw b Chapple	11
G A Hick c Hegg b Chapple	152
*T M Moody c Hegg b Watkin	110
G R Haynes c Fairbrother b Watkin	0
C M Tolley c Gallian b Chapple	15
†S J Rhodes c Fairbrother b Gallian	16
S R Lampitt c Speak b Watkinson	97
P J Newport c Hegg b Wasim	20
R K Illingworth not out	27
Extras (b 5, lb 15, w 1, nb 4)	25
Total (9 wkts dec, 117.4 overs)	489

P Thomas did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-30, 3-280, 4-290, 5-314, 6-315, 7-372, 8-424, 9-487.
BOWLING: Wasim Akram 30-7-79-3; Chapple 32-2-124-4; Gallian 17-1-77-1; Watkinson 23.4-2-102-1, Yates 5-1-85-0.
Bonus points: Worcestershire 8, Lancashire 5
Umpires: V A Holder and G Sharp.

Yorkshire v Kent

HEADINGLEY (second day of four): Kent, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 216 runs to avoid an innings defeat against Yorkshire

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon not out	203
M P Vaughan c Marsh b McCague	71
D Byas c Llong b McCague	47
M G Bevan lbw b Wren	29
C White b Wren	17
†R J Blakey lbw b Wren	3
A P Grayson b Wren	0
D Gough c Marsh b Patel	50
Extras (b 6, lb 9, w 9, nb 8)	32
Total (7 wkts dec, 185.5 overs)	462

Score at 120 overs: 378-6
P J Hartley, R D Stemp and M ARobinson did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-132, 2-238, 3-298, 4-302, 5-378, 6-378, 7-462.
BOWLING: McCague 32-7-77-2; Wren 28-5-93-4; Headley 8-1-36-0; Patel 125-6-53-1; Botham 28-7-109-0; Fleming 16-1-45-0; de Silva 8-2-24-0.

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton c Stemp b Hartley	21
T R Ward c Blakey b Stemp	65
M A Ealham c Blakey b Hartley	2
P A de Silva c Blakey b Robinson	52
N J Llong b Gough	19
M V Fleming lbw b Stemp	10
*†S A Marsh c Blakey b Gough	22
M M Patel not out	14
M J McCague lbw b Gough	0
T N Wren lbw b Gough	0
D W Headley b Robinson	13
Extras (lb 4, nb 12)	16
Total (72.4 overs)	234

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-52, 3-148, 4-152, 5-171, 6-193, 7-206, 8-206, 1208.
BOWLING: Gough 19-8-34-4; Hartley 10-2-35-2; Robinson 17.3-3-68-2; White 8-1-24-0; Stemp 17-4-69-2; Vaughan 1-1-0-0.

Second Innings

D P Fulton not out	3
T R Ward not out	9
Total (no wkt)	12

BOWLING: Gough 2-0-3-0; Robinson 2-1-9-0.
Bonus points: Yorkshire 8 Kent 3
Umpires: J D Bond and J H Hampshire.

Other match

Cambridge Univ v Warwicks

FENNER'S (first day of three: Cambridge University won toss): Cambridge University, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 291 runs behind Warwickshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles b Whitall	98
R G Twose c and b Whitall	56
D P Ostler b Freeth	46
T L Penney not out	37
Wasim Khan not out	16
Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 1)	7
Total (3 wkts dec, 94.4 overs)	300

†K J Piper, D R Brown, N M Kamith, R P Davis, *T A Munton and P A Smith did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-193, 2-20, 3-260.
BOWLING: Haste 11-2-41-0; Hov 14-0-39-0; Whitall 30-4-108-2; Janiech 10-1-23-0; Freeth 29.4-7-83-1.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

R T Ragnauth lbw b Munton	0
J Relledge not out	6
†D R H Churton not out	0
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (1 wkt, 4 overs)	8

R Q Cake, J P Carroll, R A Battye E How, *A R Whitall, N J Haste, A Janiech and J W O Freeth to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-0.
BOWLING: Munton 2-1-5-1; Brown 2-1-3-0.
Umpires: H D Bird and B J Meye.

Cairns sails as bowlers drift

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

LEICESTER (second day of four): Leicestershire lead Nottinghamshire by 17 runs

TWO batsmen have made centuries in this match of forceful strokeplay, and another has fallen a run short. Cairns, who was that unfortunate man, reclaimed the initiative for Nottinghamshire yesterday afternoon, in partnership with Johnson, and it was his innings that enabled them to get within 17 runs of Leicestershire. They would have settled for that when they were 59 for three.

Between lunch and tea there was one of the most bizarre sessions of the season. Leicestershire bowled like jolly jack tars on the town and fielded like men who had just crawled back on ship. Nottinghamshire added 200, at seven an over in the "rush hour", when Cairns and Johnson were smashing it around. Briers, the Leicestershire captain, could only watch from the poopdeck in bafflement.

No fewer than 50 of Nottinghamshire's first 200 runs came from that invaluable last man, Extras. By the close he had taken his score to 63 and 19 of them came from no-balls. Millns bowled three in an over and Mullally, who replaced him, suffered greater embarrassment when umpire Kitchen warned him for running on the pitch during an over that cost 16 runs (only two no-balls). In all he went for 90 in 13 overs after he had bowled Dowman with a beauty , that left the batsman off the pitch, in the second of them.

Cairns and Johnson were fed 150 for the fourth wicket in 29 overs, a stand Mullally ended when he switched to round the wicket and beat Johnson, who was back rather than forward. Then Cairns and Noon flogged 65 more in 10 overs before Cairns, gave Parsons a return catch.

By the time Pierson came on at the pavilion end, to restrict the strokeplay of rampant batsmen, Leicestershire had given away far too much. In the morning Dakin completed his maiden first-class hundred, finishing unbeaten on 101 when the Leicestershire innings ended on 381. The loss of Dowman, Robinson and Archer sent Leicestershire in at lunch with hope of running through a team that waves a long tail. Cairns, Johnson and Noon, who made 45 dapper runs, meant they had to wait.

Poor old Parsons bowled his socks off. There are few sights more amusing in county cricket than this grand old trooper, who has made himself into a handy bowler, bellowing his umpteenth appeal for leg before and turning, ever hopeful, to the umpire only to receive a look of utter indifference.

Surrey pair reassure England selectors

ENGLAND selectors in need of reassurance about the form of certainties and strong candidates for the second Test, at Lord's next week, could take heart from some events yesterday (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

At Horsham, Surrey turned the tables on Sussex through the efforts of Alec Stewart and Graham Thorpe who put on 243 for the third wicket in a partnership combining skill and spirit.

Both reached centuries in well under three hours. Stewart going on to make 150. Thorpe, who had been in dubious form before the Headingley Test, reached 110, his first three-figure score of the season, before, like his captain, falling to Jason Lewry. Surrey, at 394 for five in their second innings, are 277 ahead.

Hampshire's off spinner, Shaun Udal, who was a member of the Texaco Trophy squad, staked his claim for advancement by taking six for 65 in 34 overs as he caused a Gloucestershire batting breakdown at Bristol before Jack Russell, who cannot be far away from reclaiming his England wicketkeeping place, rescued his side with an unbeaten 82.

There were wickets for Devon Malcolm, Phil DeFreitas and all-rounder-in-waiting, Dominic Cork, as Somerset were dismissed for 189 at Derby and followed on 187 in arrears.

Cork then dismissed Trebilcock to claim his fifth wicket of the day but with Peter Bowler dropping anchor against his former colleagues and Richard Harden lending valiant assistance Somerset reached 123 for two at their second attempt.

Gough takes all-round view

BY SIMON WILDE

HEADINGLEY (second day of four): Kent, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 216 runs behind Yorkshire

DARREN GOUGH yesterday put paid to doubts over his selection for the second Test match, at Lord's next week, by producing one of the best all-round performances of his career. Gough, who injured his back during an indifferent display in the first Test, last week, struck a mature half-century before lunch and took four wickets in five balls, including a hat-trick, after tea as Yorkshire took command of their match with Kent.

Gough yesterday added an extra five paces to his run-up, the result of him having read some advice from Michael Holding, who is believed to know a thing or two about how to approach the wicket. During three tight and disciplined spells, he bowled a fuller length than in the first Test and would have reaped greater rewards but for two missed catches by Bevan, who also spurned a chance off the bowling of Robinson.

Gough thus had to wait until the last ball of his fifteenth over for a wicket, when he bowled Llong with an off-cutter. With the second, third and fourth balls of his next over he then had Marsh caught behind off a rare bouncer, and McCague and Wren both leg-before. He finished with four for 34 as Kent were all out for 234 and asked to follow on.

Gough earlier struck a rumbustious 60 before Yorkshire closed their first innings at 462 for seven shortly before lunch. After spending 13 balls on nought as he played himself in, he raced to fifty in his next 35 deliveries. During this time he hit ten fours and a six, mainly with fierce drives and pulls and all off the medium-pace bowling of Ealham. When Ealham was replaced after conceding 59 runs in seven overs, Gough pulled Patel for another four before top-edging a sweep to the wicketkeeper.

Moxon batted throughout Yorkshire's eight-and-a-half-hour innings for an unbeaten 203, only the second double-century of the season. It was a remarkable effort for a man playing for the first time since breaking a thumb five weeks ago. He pierced the field effortlessly in gathering 31 fours and gave his only chance two balls after reaching his hundred on Thursday.

Yorkshire took full advantage of opponents ravaged by injury. Kent, who are without Benson, Cowdrey and Taylor, are fielding only four specialist batsmen and one of their bowlers, Headley, did not bowl after the first session.

Forget fires reminder of his class on grass

BY STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

GUY FORGET *might* have been tapping out indiscreet *messages in morse* code yesterday. As he battered the walls around the front lawn of Queen's Club, he forcefully reminded Wimbledon's seeding committee that he deserves consideration when the discussions are held on Monday.

France's most prominent player, Forget is presently ranked No 28 in the world, but his position is bound to improve after reaching the semi-final of the Stella Artois tournament. Even if he bows out to his doubles partner, Boris Becker, this afternoon, he could rise into the top 20.

Such a status would not merit a place among the 16 seeds in any grand slam championship other than Wimbledon, where a player's past performances on grass, as well as present form, are taken into account. At the most timely stage, Forget's case is gathering momentum.

A quarter-finalist in each of his past three appearances at Wimbledon, Forget has so far this week beaten Todd Martin, the fifth seed and defending champion, and Goran Ivanisevic, the No 3 seed. Both of his victories were recorded convincingly in straight sets.

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Forget recalls that the one year in which he was seeded at Wimbledon, he was also ranked outside the top 16. "I think I'm among the top 16 on grass right now," he claimed, with justification rather than arrogance, yesterday. "If I'm not seeded, it will be too bad for the guys who play me."

The Frenchman feels so at home on the slick lawns that he even expressed the wish that he had been born in England. Nevertheless, he revealed that he had to rely on guesswork to undo Ivanisevic's fearsome serve, which appeared at times to be irresistible.

"You have to pick a direction and just hope that it is the right one," Forget said afterwards. "You can spend two games without even touching the ball. The key is not to get upset. You may not be able to return for half an hour, then you get the breaks in the tie-break and win the set."

Or, in his case, the match. Forget twice read Ivanisevic's mind and, with a couple of searing forehands, took the tie-break 7-3 and a place in the last four, 6-3, 7-6. He proclaimed that his greatest asset had been his patience.

"All the top guys keep their heads together," as he put it. Ivanisevic, resembling a rumbling volcano whenever he is on court, seldom does and, until he learns to suppress his fiery emotions, he is unlikely to collect a grand slam title.

He exploded midway through the second set. The object of his derision was the umpire, who was accused of "having a good time in the sun". An ensuing oath earned him a warning for an audible obscenity. Ivanisevic promptly responded with two typically belligerent aces.

Later he struck six in a row, including his fiftieth of the week, and he finished with 17 in all. But Forget, who replied with ten of his own, maintained the greater concentration, kept his volleys lower over the net and, ultimately, won the guessing game.

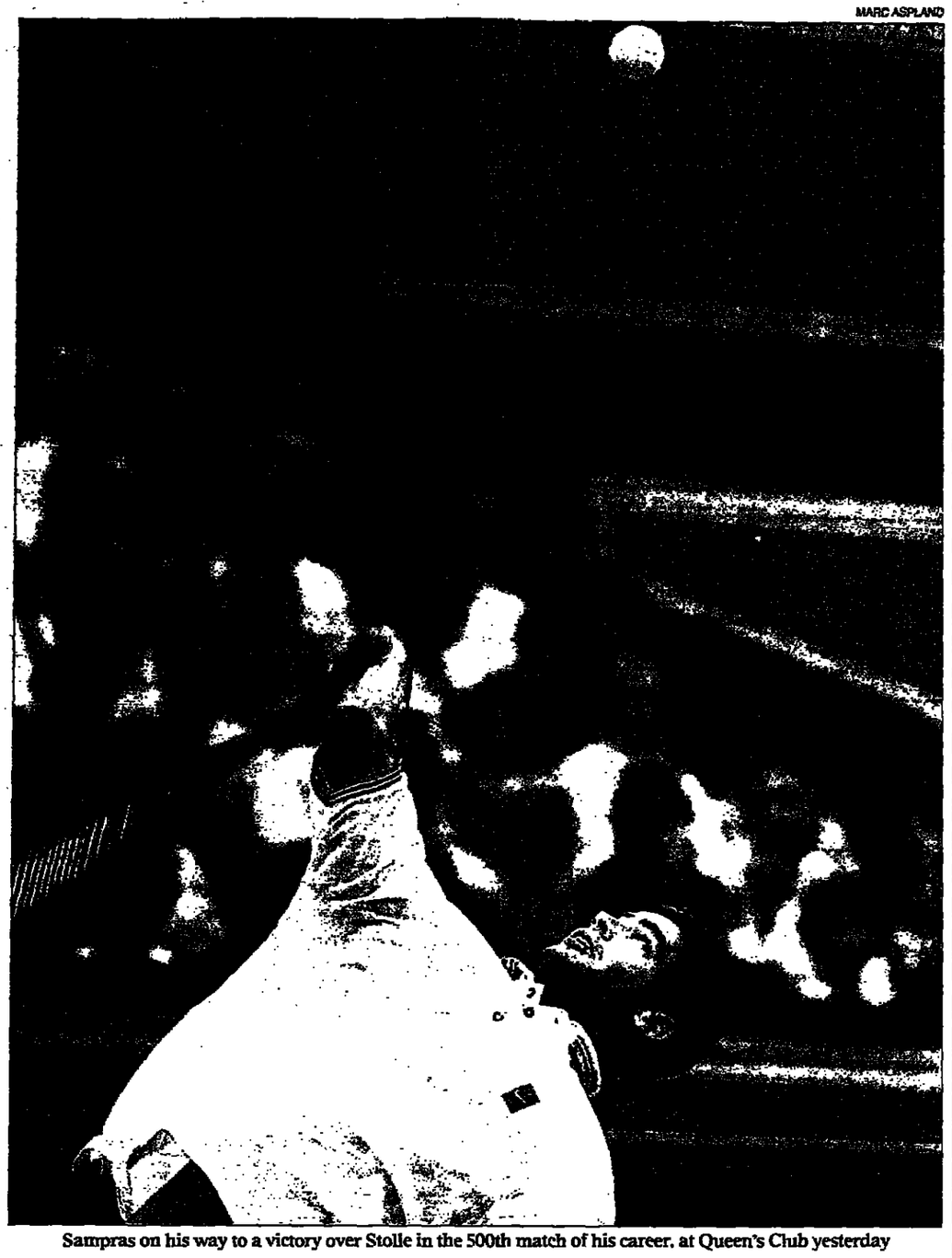
Becker, the second seed and three times the former champion, will be a formidable opponent. He dismissed Jason Stoltenberg in a mere 55 minutes, yielding only four games after starting by dropping his serve. Like Forget, he has not yet conceded a set.

Nor has Pete Sampras. The top seed was competing in the 500th match of his career and it was one of his least taxing. Sandon Stolle, the son of Fred, came through the qualifying competition and he stands 300 places lower than his illustrious opponent.

The gap in class was plain and Stolle contributed to his inevitable downfall by twice committing double faults when facing break points. Sampras won 6-2, 6-3 and will now meet the unseeded Marc Gollner in the other semi-final.

☐ Venus Williams has been named in the US Federation Cup squad for the world group semi-finals against France in Wilmington, North Carolina next month. Williams, who is 15 today, is the fourteenth player named in a pool from which Billie-Jean King, the captain, will choose a four-player team for the match on July 22-23.

MARC ASPLAND



Sampras on his way to a victory over Stolle in the 500th match of his career, at Queen's Club yesterday

Familiarity which breeds success

BY ALIX RAMSAY

THERE was an understandable sense of déjà vu as Zina Garrison-Jackson made her way into the semi-finals of the DFS Classic at Edgbaston yesterday. After 12 years on the tennis circuit and eight appearances in Birmingham, the former Wimbledon finalist feels at home at the Priory Club.

For the past two years, she has played Lori McNeil in the final, and they are on course to meet again tomorrow. Even her opponents in the early rounds this years — Laura Golarsa and Caroline Vis — were the same as in 1994 and were dispatched with the same efficiency. Yesterday, she eased past Christina Singer 6-2, 6-3 and proved that, while the body may be ageing, the mind is as sharp as ever.

However, all good things must come to an end and, at the age of 31, Garrison-Jackson, of the United States, is thinking of winding down. She has pencilled a handful of singles tournaments into her diary for next year, but is gradually coming to the conclusion that doubles will feature more in her schedule.

"I have no major injuries, just a lot of nagging problems," she said. "When you've been playing as long as I have, your motivation tends to go up and down; but, this year, I'm really enjoying my tennis." The older she gets, the more she can relax, but, when it comes to the crunch matches, the will to win is not quite what it was and a few three-setters have escaped her in recent months.

She gets just as big a thrill from playing at Wimbledon as on her first appearance. "I'm like a kid with a candy jar," she said. "I just eat up the excitement."

Today, to reach the final, she must get past Els Callens, of Belgium, who beat Kristine Radford 6-2, 6-4 for her ninth successive victory on grass. In the other semi-final, McNeil will play Elna Reinach, of South Africa, who dropped the second set in her win over Nicole Arendt. McNeil beat Laurence Courtois 6-0, 6-3.

Whatever happens today, Garrison-Jackson is guaranteed a warm welcome whenever she is in Birmingham. Two years ago, she was made a member of the Priory Club and officials have already made tentative inquiries about whether she would be prepared to turn out for them in league matches.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Salt Lake wins at fifth attempt

SALT Lake City will stage the Winter Olympic Games in 2002, after three decades of campaigning to be a host city. Members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), meeting in Budapest, voted yesterday for the American city ahead of Oestersund, in Sweden, Quebec City, in Canada and Sion, in Switzerland. Salt Lake City received 54 of the 99 votes cast.

Salt Lake City was bidding for the fifth time for the right to host the Olympics. Having been edged out by Nagano in their bid for the 1998 Games, they began the day as overwhelming favourites. The IOC's own evaluation commission had come out enthusiastically in favour of Salt Lake City, which, unlike its rivals, has already built almost all of the venues needed for the Games. It will be the fourth time that the United States has staged the Winter Olympics, and the first time since Lake Placid hosted the Games in 1980.

Porsche favoured

MOTOR SPORT: The return of Ferrari to the Le Mans 24-hour race today will add a touch of nostalgia to the world's most famous endurance event, but Porsche remain strong favourites to win the event. Porsche, who have won 13 times, have not entered an official car, but two private teams will compete with Porsche engines — Courage, from France, and Kremer, from Germany. Courage, based in Le Mans, feature Mario Andretti, of the United States, Bob Wolleck and Henri Pescarolo, both from France, at the wheel, while Hans Stuck, of Germany, and Thierry Boutsen, of Belgium, drive for Kremer.

France rise to a draw

RUGBY LEAGUE: France achieved their best result against New Zealand in 48 years when they drew 16-16 in the second international, at Palmerston North, yesterday. Frederic Banquet, the Featherstone Rovers wing, scored a try and two goals. Marcel Chanfreau, the French referee, also awarded a penalty try against the home side. New Zealand, who had struggled to a 22-6 victory in the first international, were often outplayed, an ominous sign before their three-match series with Australia. Wales meet the United States in Philadelphia tonight, after winning 66-10 last Saturday.

Haining on the move

ROWING: Jürgen Gröbler, the Great Britain coach, has switched the boat positions of Peter Haining, the world singles champion, and Carl Smith, a previous world gold medal-winner in rowing and sculling, in his new lightweight line-up that will compete in Paris this weekend. Haining stroked the new British doubles scull, without conspicuous success, at earlier international regattas; Smith now takes on that task. A similar switch was made by Gröbler with Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent in 1992, and they have not lost since.

Russian opposition

SWIMMING: The third and final leg of the Mare Nostrum tour in Monte Carlo this weekend will serve as an important test of form for some of Great Britain's best medal prospects for the European championships in Vienna in August. Mark Foster, the world short-course champion at 50 metres freestyle, faces Aleksandr Popov, of Russia, and Martin Harris and Adam Ruckwood, the Commonwealth backstroke champions at 100 and 200 metres, will take on Vladimir Selkov, the world champion, also of Russia.

Germany dominant

HOCKEY: Germany reinforced their position among the favourites to win the women's European Nations Cup by beating Ireland 4-0 in Amstelveen, Holland, yesterday. Ireland forced three penalty corners at the start of the match and paid heavily for their failure to convert any of them as the Olympic runners-up broke away to win comfortably. Natascha Keller, Vanessa van Kooperen and Franziska Hentschel, the Germany captain, with goals from two penalty corners, completed the scoring.

Les Lions beaten by superior teamwork

THE qualifying round of the Royal Windsor Cup continued at Smith's Lawn yesterday with Sheikh Alhamrani's Palmera gaining a 10-6 win over Les Lions, who are put together by Max Gottschalk, to retain their unbeaten record in this polo tournament (John Watson writes).

Les Lions seemed over-reliant on Ernesto Trotz, their ten-handicap Argentine No 3, whose colleagues were all too rarely in the right place to receive his passes. As a result, he attempted to do too much himself.

By contrast, Palmera, arguably the most impressive quartet in the Royal Windsor Cup, are well synchronised, pivoting on Howard Hipwood, the All-England captain, and with a pair of fine forwards in Roddy Wood and Alex Brodie. Palmera were appreciably better mounted, too, for a tussle often interrupted by the umpires.

Trotz and Hipwood converted three penalty goals each and, because of Trotz's astonishing energy and facility for being wherever the action was, Les Lions were only 4-3 down at half-time.

Palmera proved their superiority well in the fourth chukka when they moved 8-3 ahead, one of the most spectacular goals coming from Sheikh Alhamrani, who galloped almost the length of the field on his Argentine bay mare, Francesca, to find the flags.

In the last chukka, Tarquin Southwell backed up Trotz to better effect, which led to a narrowing of the final margin.

PALMERA: 1, A Brodie (3); 2, R Wood (4); 3, H Hipwood (8); back, Sheikh Alhamrani (0).

LES LIONS: 1, J Gottschalk (0); 2, T Southwell (3); 3, E Trotz (10); back, M Gottschalk (2).

McGregor chases peace of mind

Andrew Longmore meets an unheralded Briton seeking to climb cycling's Everest

On a weekend of rugby fever, minor, sniffling, acts of heroism will largely pass unnoticed: but, if Yvonne McGregor, Bradford born and Bradford bred, can pump aching muscles for long enough to break the world one-hour record at the National Cycling Centre in Manchester today, she will deserve as much credit as the pampered warriors of world rugby. She will not get any reward, except perhaps a few quid from a helmet manufacturer, nor does she expect any. The challenge of cycling's Everest is personal, a matter of wanting to do it rather than having to.

"I'm not looking to put my name up in lights," she said. "This is the hardest thing I've ever tried in my life, but when I get the best I possibly can out of myself, it brings me peace of mind. Besides, I'm into pain at the moment. You've got to be in this sport."

Pain? Peace of mind? Endured one to reach the other. The language of true sport, spoken by a fleck of a lass who has such a contagious, face-creasing smile you are bound to smile with her, even at words like "pain". With the hour record, there are no consolation prizes, no silver or bronze medals, just plain pass or fail. One metre beyond the record of the 47.112 kilometres set by the French woman, Kathy Marsal, in Bordeaux in April is success; one metre behind, after nearly 200 laps at 29.2 mph, is failure.

Nothing in the facts of McGregor's sporting life suggests that the record is within her grasp. She did not turn to cycling until four years ago, at 30, after a lifetime of amateur running which included eighth place in the world fell running championships. Triathlon was the stepping-stone to cycling where she now holds every national time-trial title from 3,000 metres to 100 miles. She has never ridden the hour, not even in practice, and the track is not the quickest.

But, if you discount incidental adventures like circumnavigating the highest salt-water lake in the world in a canoe, McGregor's most eye-catching feat, the one which convinces you even more than her self-effacing manner, of her genius for surprise, came at the Commonwealth Games in Canada last year.

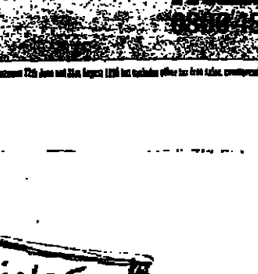
McGregor did not want to compete in the 25km points race on the understandable grounds she had never ridden in a bunch race before and was still a novice on the track. But the England coach insisted, so she rode, learning the ropes for the first half of the race — "no brakes and no gears" — and winning gold in the second. "I saw a gap on the inside, put me head down and went," she recalled.

Chris Boardman used the hour record, which he broke in Bordeaux on the day the Tour de France came to town, to advertise his services to a professional team. In the absence of any commercial sponsor, Boardman's company, Beyond Level 4, is underwriting the cost of McGregor's challenge.

For the past ten weeks, McGregor has been living on scraps, having given up her job as a youth worker, and training four times a week. "I know I will have to dig deeper than I ever have before, but I know I've got the form. It all boils down to confidence."

Obree prepares for Isle of Man test

GRAEME OBREE, the world 4,000 metres record-holder, yesterday put the finishing touches to the new bike that he has built and will ride tomorrow in the opening event of Isle of Man week, the biggest annual cycling festival in the British Isles (Peter Bryan writes).



Obree: winner in 1992

Obree is seeded No 1 in an entry of 135 for the 37¾-mile time-trial, over one lap of the TT circuit, that includes the 1,400ft climb of Snaefell followed by a 50mph descent to the finish.

Obree won the event in 1992 and faces Matthew Postle, of Wales, the winner last year, together with a strong challenge. He also plans to compete in the 113¼-mile Manx International road race on Friday, over three laps of the TT course, which incorporates the British professional championship. The British Universities road-race title, over 56 miles, will be fought for on Monday.

Yvonne McGregor, the winner this week of the women's national 25-mile title, tonight attempts to break the world one-hour record of 47.112 kilometres, that is held by Catherine Marsal, of France.

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Veteran owner-breeder switches stables to give sprinter big chance

Superpride can seize opportunity

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

SHEIKH MOHAMMED, Crown Prince of Dubai and the world's largest owner-breeder, has shown the advantages this season of personally directing where many of his horses will be trained and run as he garners the Turf's top prizes. At York this afternoon, Muriel Ward, from Beckwithshaw, near Harrogate, aims to take a leaf out of his book.

Mrs Ward, who keeps two broodmares at Norton Grove Stud, bred the speedy Superpride and has had the £50,000-added William Hill Trophy in mind for some time after the success of her gelding at Ayr last year.

Unfortunately, as often happens in racing, a difference of opinion developed between the owner-breeder and the trainer, David Barron, after the three-year-old's latest run at Thirsk 12 days ago.

"I insisted my horse went to York but he flatly refused to take him," she said yesterday, pointing out that Barron wanted to race another of his horses, Coastal Bluff. As a result, Mrs Ward moved her horse to Mary Reveley's Saltburn yard a week ago and after settling in well, he lines up for today's feature race. In the adjacent starting stall is Coastal Bluff, 5-1 favourite with the sponsors.

Although Superpride is generally available at 16-1 with the big bookmakers, the decision of Mrs Ward, 74, to stick to her guns can be rewarded with a notable victory. Confined to racing over five furlongs, he has shown up well in his last two races but looks sure to appreciate today's extra furlong, the trip which saw him win last year.

In addition, much more use is likely to be made of Superpride's abundance of speed and his jockey, Dale Gibson, is expected to have him near the head of affairs from stall one, drawn next to the far rail. If the forecast rain arrives, it will enhance his prospects as the ground was on the soft side when he won at Ayr last term.

Perryston View, who is seeking to complete a five-timer for the Ripon trainer Peter Calver,

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SUPERPRIDE
(3.45 York)
NB: Courageous Dancer
(8.00 Lingfield Park)

is a big danger along with Stylish Ways, who lived up to his name when winning at Leicester 18 days ago, and Coastal Bluff. However, at his attractive price, **Superpride** is a sporting nap.

Given the number of horses the British Horseracing Board handicappers have to assess every week, it is surprising how few errors are made. However, there is good reason to believe they have been generous to **Courageous Dancer** who makes her handicap debut at Lingfield (8.00) this evening after an improved performance when beating Allyana at Pontefract over six furlongs recently.

Ben Hanbury's lightly-raced filly should appreciate the extra furlong here and has a favourable high draw. Muchtarak ran an eye-catching race behind Shahid here last month, but then disappointed at Newmarket two weeks ago. However, he still looks the main threat.

James Fanshawe's horses are running consistently well, notably his three-year-old fillies, and his Ellie Ardensky impressed when winning a Ripon maiden in taking style four weeks ago.

The well-bred daughter of Slip Anchor quickened more than a furlong out to dispose of the opposition and as she did not look fully wound up that day, further improvement is on the cards. Her trainer has elected to go for the Warwick Oaks (8.20) and **Ellie Ardensky** is up to the task.

At Bath, John Akehurst is wasting no time in bringing out **Hi Aud** after her mid-week success at Kempton and with Richard Quinn booked to ride, she can complete a quick treble in the Bedminster Stakes (4.40).

Sandown's mediocre card does not look punter friendly, but if the rain stays away the fast ground-loving **Ela Man Howa**, from Reg Akehurst's yard, will appreciate the step up in distance offered by the Trafalgar Square Handicap (4.35). He could prove each-way value against Embracing, the likely warm favourite.


The progressive Perryston View, seen winning at Newmarket recently, attempts to gain his fifth consecutive success in the William Hill Trophy at York today

Ela-Aristokrati can follow up

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TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

3.15: Amancio appears to have benefitted from being gelded and Guy Harwood's formerly excitable sort turned in an improved performance when winning a ladies' event at Epsom on Sunday. Provided this race does not come too soon, he must have a good chance of following up. However, preference is for the ultra consistent **Slasher Jack**, a course and distance winner, who is partnered by Lydia Pearce. Although not disgraced behind Purple Splash at Haydock last time, he is better over today's shorter trip.

3.45: See above.

4.15: Ela-Aristokrati faces a tougher task compared to the conditions race at Epsom on Sunday where Michael Stoute's progressive sort bolted up. However, the Danehill colt is very much on the upgrade and top weight may not be enough to stop him following up.

Quango is a big danger, especially as Jimmy Fitzgerald's gelding is stepping up in trip. He kept on well behind the highly regarded Verzen over an inadequate seven furlongs at Redcar 18 days ago, having previously run particularly well over a mile behind Ihtiram. Today's extra trip and galloping track will suit. Sayeh ran too freely for his own good when last of five behind Derby runner-up Tamure over course and distance last month and would have claims if learning to settle.

4.45: Sycamore Lodge is very well treated, judged on his second at Doncaster three weeks go, but the ex-Dermot Weld-trained horse is still a maiden. Dancing Heights turned in a career best performance on her seasonal reappearance over a mile at Haydock and, as she won over a further quarter of a mile last year, should go well.

However, in a tricky race, **Maurangi** looks an interesting proposition at the foot of the handicap. He runs off a handicap mark 1lb lower than when achieving his third success last year and has been gradually running into form. Forever Diamonds is unbeaten in three starts at York, but the burden of top weight may see him relinquish that record.

Richard Evans

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

York

Going: good to firm (good in places)

2.10 (1m 3f 195yd) 1, CORRADINI (W Ryan, 9-1); 2, Crystal Blade (K Darley, 3-1); 3, Honfleur (J Reid, 13-8 fav) ALSO RAN: 7-4 Takdif (4th), 50 Vanola (5th). 5 ran. 3½l, 1l, 3l, 20l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £8.90; £2.30, £1.60. DF: £10.10. CSF: £32.20

2.40 (5f) 1, SAINT EXPRESS (K Darley, 7-1); 2, Benzoe (K Fallon, 9-1); 3, Ellie Shaped (Alex Greaves, 8-1) ALSO RAN: 11-2 fav Sea-Deer (5th), 6 Lady Sheriff, 7 Allwight Then, 9 Call Me I'm Blue, Name The Tune (4th), 10 Tenor, 14 Ashtina, Magic Pearl, 20 Crofters Ceilidh, 25 Hickory Blue (6th) 13 ran. ½l, 2½l, hd, nk, ½l. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £7.30; £2.90, £4.60, £3.20. DF: £63.60. Trio: £216.90. CSF: £65.94. Tricast: £479.30.

3.10 (6f) 1, CHEYENNE SPIRIT (W Carson, 8-1), 2, Daring Destiny (J Tate, 5-1 fav); 3, Master Planner (K Darley, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Ziggy's Dancer, 6 Princess Oberon (4th), 7 Domulla, How's Yer Father (6th), 8 Jayannpee (5th), 10 Amron, 16 Croeso-I-Cymru. 10 ran. 1l, 1l, hd, 2½l, nk. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £10.60; £2.40, £2.00, £2.40. DF: £28.80. Trio: £45.20. CSF: £46.27. Tricast: £239.18.

3.40 (1m 3f 195yd) 1, AUGUSTAN (V Halliday, 14-1); 2, Highflying (A Daly, 11-8 fav); 3, Sugar Mill (G Parkin, 7-2) ALSO RAN: 4 Blue Blazer, 7 Redstella (4th), 12 Thaleros (5th), 20 Strictly Personal (6th) 7 ran. Nk, 3½l, 7l, 3l, 5l. S Gollings at Louth. Tote: £17.40; £4.30, £1.70. DF: £17.00. CSF: £33.06

4.10 (1m 5f 194yd) 1, WISHING (T Quinn, 11-2), 2, Arctic Thunder (K Darley, 9-4 jt-fav); 3, George Dillingham (J Fortune, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 jt-fav Trans Siberia (6th), 7 Blaze Away (5th), 8 Lombardic (4th), Star Rage. 7 ran. 2½l, ½l, ¾l, ¾l, 1¼l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £7.10; £2.70, £2.30. DF: £9.40. CSF: £18.61.

4.45 (6f) 1, AMAZING BAY (W Ryan, 4-7 fav); 2, Like A Hawk (T Quinn, 2-1); 3, Royal Ceilidh (J Fortune, 8-1). 3 ran. Nk, 6l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.70. CSF: £1.94.

5.20 (1m 2f 85yd) 1, SAN PIETRA (J Reid, 11-4); 2, Yarrow (G Hind, 11-10 fav); 3, Rosy Hue (J Weaver, 2-1). 3 ran. ½l, 14l. P Chapple-Hyam at Manton. Tote: £3.20 DF: £2.50. CSF: £5.53.

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Sandown Park

Going: good to firm (straight course); good (round course)

2.15 (5f 6yd) 1, Warning Time (B Doyle, 2-1 fav); 2, Shining Cloud (7-2); 3, Forest Robin (5-1) 7 ran. NR: Mulo Franchise. 1¾l, 2½l. B Meehan. Tote: £3.80, £2.10, £1.70. DF: £5.00. CSF: £9.04.

2.50 (7f 16yd) 1, Pommard (L Dettori, 7-4 fav); 2, Detachment (11-4); 3, Canons Park (8-1) 11 ran. ¾l, 3l. J Gosden. Tote. £2.70, £1.40, £1.50, £2.90. DF: £6.20 Trio: £19.50 CSF: £7.45

3.20 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Special Dawn (Pat Eddery, 9-4); 2, Mentor (12-1); 3, Rahy Zoman (2-1 fav) 6 ran. 3l, nk. J Dunlop. Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £5.20. DF. £15.50. CSF. £23.23.

3.55 (7f 16yd) 1, Veloce (G Carter, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Bon Luck (10-1); 3, Shefoog (4-1 jt-fav). 10 ran. ½l, 1¼l. A Bailey. Tote: £4.10, £1.80, £4.20, £1.60. DF: £45.60. Trio: £72.70. CSF: £39.99. Tricast: £153.83.

4.30 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Hadeyya Ramzeyah (M Roberts, 11-4, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Nashotah (13-2); 3, Bequeath (15-2). Tikaal 9-4 fav. 12 ran. Nk, hd. A Stewart. Tote. £3.80; £1.50, £1.80, £2.40. DF: £15.20. Trio. £31.60. CSF: £21.18.

5.00 (5f 6yd) 1, Lord High Admiral (M Roberts, 10-11 fav); 2, Gorinsky (7-2); 3, Metal Boys (12-1). 7 ran. 2½l, 1½l. M Heaton-Ellis. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £2.70. DF: £3.70. CSF: £4.74.

5.35 (1m 3f 91yd) 1, Rock The Barney (D R McCabe, 5-1), 2, Lunar Risk (16-1), 3. Broughtons Formula (9-2) Bookcase 100-30 fav. 11 ran. ½l, hd. P Burgoyne. Tote. £7.60. £1.80, £6.90, £1.90. DF: £84.30. Trio: £276.80. CSF: £73.86 Tricast: £356.45.

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Placepot: £68.20. Quadpot: £15.90.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.30 (5f) 1, Gagajulu (G Hind, 10-3), 2, Ebony Boy (7-4 fav); 3, Paper Maze (8-1). 8 ran. 5l, sh hd. P Evans. Tote: £4.10; £1.50, £1.40, £2.00. DF: £4.10. CSF: £9.48

3.05 (1m 6f) 1, Who's The Best (D Wright, 5-1); 2, Scalp 'Em (2-1 fav); 3, Reach For Glory (5-1) 8 ran. NR: Brusque. 8l, 2½l. A Jarvis. Tote. £9.60; £1.50, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £6.40. Trio £10.80 CSF: £14.34.

3.35 (7f) 1, Welley Lad (Dean McKeown, 10-1), 2, What A Nightmare (8-1); 3, Flashfeet (13-2). Dom Pennion 4-1 fav 11 ran. 3½l, nk. D Chapman. Tote. £8.90; £2.70, £1.80, £2.80. DF: £17.40. Trio: £38.70. CSF: £64.90. Tricast: £387.48.

4.05 (1m) 1, Oneoftheoldones (C Dwyer, 4-5 fav), 2, Nessun Doro (4-1); 3, Call Me Flash (25-1). 9 ran. ¾l, 20l. S Norton. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £1.50, £4.90. DF: £3.40. Trio: £40.30 CSF £4.99.

4.35 (1m) 1, Puffy (Dale Gibson, 13-2); 2, Big Chance (11-2 jt-fav). 3, Titanium Honda (9-1); 4, Calisar (10-1). Mudlark 11-2 jt-fav. 16 ran. 4l, nk. M Dods. Tote: £7.50; £1.80, £2.80, £2.40, £2.10. DF: £28.40. Trio £92.30 CSF: £42.58 Tricast: £309.49.

5.10 (5f) 1, Sing With The Band (F Norton, 7-1). 2, Most Uppity (14-1); 3, Grey Toppa (20-1) Chadwell Hall 2-1 fav. 14 ran. 1½l, ½l. B McMahon. Tote: £6.80; £1.80, £4.20, £3.00. DF: £62.80. Trio. £307.70. CSF: £92.63. Tricast: £1,709.43.

Placepot: £22.30.

Quadpot: £10.20.

Thursday's late details

Yarmouth

Going: good to soft

6.30 (1m 2f 21yd) 1, Tirolette (G Faulkner, 7-4); 2, Gulf Bay (10-1); 3, Inovar (33-1) Scenic Dancer 6-5 fav. 6 ran. NR: Herr Trigger, Life's Too Short. Nk, 2½l. R Williams. Tote: £3.20, £1.20, £3.20. DF. £8.70. CSF: £15.39. Tricast: £303.65

7.00 (7f 3yd) 1, Miss Offset (D Holland, 6-4 fav); 2, Don't Tell Vicki (7-2); 3, Our Tom's Boy (20-1). 6 ran. NR: Siberian Mystic. 4l, 1¾l. M Johnston. Tote: £2.50; £1.70, £1.70. DF: £2.90. CSF. £6.27.

7.30 (1m 3yd) 1, Indian Rhapsody (F Norton, 9-4 fav); 2, Never So Rite (6-1); 3, Three Arch Bridge (11-2). 10 ran. Nk, 3l. M Channon. Tote: £3.40; £1.70, £1.10, £1.50. DF. £5.10 Trio £18.90 CSF. £16.11 Tricast. £60.98.

8.00 (1m 3yd) 1, Quinwood (G Hind, 9-1); 2, Bonne Etoile (7-2); 3, Henry Koehler (3-1 jt-fav). Incha 3-1 jt-fav 12 ran. NR. Victory Team. Hd, hd. J Gosden. Tote: £18.90: £3.10, £2.20, £1.10. DF. £22.70. Trio: £23.00. CSF: £42.22.

8.30 (2m) 1, Hever Golf Lady (Stephen Davies, 11-8 jt-fav), 2, Recovery Lad (11-8 jt-fav); 3, Oh So Handy (8-1). 5 ran. 1¼l, 20l. T Naughton. Tote: £2.20, £1.50, £1.10. DF: £1.30. CSF. £3.46

9.00 (6f 3yd) 1, Tharwa (D Harrison, 4-1); 2, Cool Edge (11-4 fav), 3, Sison (20-1). 7 ran. NR. Hello Hobson's, Red Admiral. Sh hd, 4l. N Callaghan. Tote: £4.20: £1.70, £2.00. DF. £5.10. Trio. £41.80. CSF: £14.80. Tricast. £172.34.

Placepot: £33.40. Quadpot: £13.60.

Chepstow

Going: good to firm (firm patches)

6.45 (7f 16yd) 1, Love Legend (Mrs D Arbuthnot, 16-1); 2, Asterix (5-1 jt-fav), 3, Wentbridge Lad (5-1 jt-fav); 4, Top Pet (13-2). 20 ran. Nk, 1½l. D Arbuthnot. Tote: £18.10; £3.50. £1.70. £1.90, £1.80. DF: £44.90. Trio. £210.10. CSF: £89.42. Tricast. £434.02.

7.15 (6f 16yd) 1, Line Dancer (Pat Eddery, 9-2); 2, Sualtach (4-1). 3, Lionel Edwards (100-30 fav). 9 ran. ¾l, ½l. W Jarvis. Tote. £5.40; £1.80, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £22.80. Trio: £13.70 CSF: £22.36.

7.45 (1m 2f 36yd) 1, Exemption (Georgina Frost, 5-1); 2, Warm Spell (10-1); 3, Nobiely (10-1). Indian Jockey 10-11 fav. 9 ran. 2l, 1l. H Candy. Tote: £6.40. £1.60, £2.40, £2.10. DF: £18.40. Trio £59.40. CSF: £50.28. Tricast: £446.11.

8.15 (1m 4f 23yd) 1, Stage Struck (W R Swinburn, Evens fav); 2, Danesrath (16-1); 3, Beauchamp Jade (7-2) 11 ran. Hd, ½l. M Stoute. Tote: £2.40; £1.40, £5.20. £1.60. DF: £43.10. Trio: £27.40. CSF: £17.65.

8.45 (1m 14yd) 1, Just Fizzy (M Roberts, 2-1 fav. Thunderer's nap); 2, Sobeloved (12-1), 3, Irie Mon (8-1), 4, Master M-E-N (33-1). 16 ran. 3½l, ½l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.60; £1.20, £2.10, £2.10, £5.10. DF: £13.50. Trio: £46.70 CSF: £25.26 Tricast: £154.32.

9.15 (7f 16yd) 1, Russian Heroine (W Ryan, 7-2); 2, Colston-C (7-1); 3, Equilibrium (9-2). Dominion's Dream 3-1 fav. 11 ran. NR. South Sound. 3l, 5l. M Johnston. Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £2.20, £1.80. DF: £15.70. Trio: £51.90. CSF: £26.09.

Placepot: £42.40. Quadpot: £6.40.

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER
2.20 Forentia. 2.55 Woodrising. 3.30 Alerting. 4.05 Rokeby Bowl. 4.35 Jaraab. 5.05 Loch Patrick. 5.40 Akil.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.35 Embracing.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND PORTMAN SQUARE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £3,436: 5f 6yd) (6 runners)

101 (4) 2 AMOEBA 11 J Berry 8-11 J Carroll
102 (2) FORENTIA J Fanshawe 8-11 D Harrison –
103 (1) GREAT INTENT S Woods 8-11 J Reid –
104 (6) MOVING UP G L Moore 8-11 S Whitworth –
105 (3) DARE BUDGIE P Walwyn 8-11 Pat Eddery –
106 (5) 4 TRIBLE PET 8 B Gubby 8-11 L Dettori 85

11-8 Amoeba, 4-1 Dare Budgie, 9-2 Forentia, 5-1 Trible Pet, 6-1 Great Intent, 14-1 Moving Up.

2.55 BERKELEY SQUARE CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,749: 1m 2f 7yd) (9)

201 (6) 1 CHARM DANCER 35 (D,F) M Pipe 8-12 J Quinn 83
202 (3) 5630 DONT FORGET CURTIS 18 J Fanshawe 8-11 D Harrison
203 (8) 00 DANTEAN 14 (B) G Harwood 8-9 Pat Eddery 75
204 (5) 0-03 BUSHEHR 17 J Hills 8-8 M Henry (7) 82
205 (4) -060 ORCHIDARMA 14 (B) R Williams 8-4 G Duffield 90
206 (2) 04 TURRILL HOUSE 15 W Musson 8-4 P McCabe (5) –
207 (7) 2165 GENTLE IRONY 3 (B,S) B Meehan 8-1 M Baird (7) 98
208 (1) 3202 WOODRISING 29 Lady Herries 8-1 M Roberts 90
209 (9) 003 MARGARET MODES 21 C Cyzer 8-0 D Biggs 92

5-2 Woodrising, 11-4 Dont Forget Curtis, 4-1 Charm Dancer, 6-1 Bushehr, 8-1 Margaret Modes, Gentle Irony, 10-1 Orchidarma, 12-1 others

3.30 JOHNSTONE DOUGLAS HANDICAP
(£4,260: 1m 14yd) (7)

301 (6) 000- WAYFARERS WAY 240 (D,S) R Hannon 4-9-10 W R Swinburn 90
302 (1) 1240 SECRET ALY 19 (D,G) C Brittain 5-9-9 M Roberts 94
303 (7) 0-62 AFRICAN-PARD 15 D Haydn Jones 3-9-4 J Reid 91
304 (2) 4630 CANARY FALCON 40 (G) R O'Sullivan 4-9-3 D Biggs 89
305 (3) 0003 YOXALL LODGE 7 (S) H Collingridge 5-9-0 J Quinn 94
306 (4) 0066 KINDERGARTEN BOY 29 (D,F,G) R Boss 4-9-0 M Rimmer 88
307 (5) -501 ALERTING 12 (D,G) I Balding 3-8-10 L Dettori

7-4 Alerting, 11-4 African-Pard, 9-2 Yoxall Lodge, 6-1 Secret Aly, 10-1 Canary Falcon, 14-1 Kindergarten Boy, 16-1 Wayfarers Way

4.05 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES
(Handicap: 3-Y-O: £7,165: 1m 1f) (10)

401 (9) 4-51 MAJOR CHANGE 19 (F) R Hannon 9-7. Dane O'Neill (7) 89
402 (7) 2-31 TRANQUILLITY 15 (G) Lord Huntingdon 9-4 W R Swinburn 94
403 (2) 0201 ROKEBY BOWL 11 (G) I Balding 9-4 D Griffiths (5) 98
404 (5) 4154 OKAVANGO 14 (V,F) J Gosden 9-1 L Dettori 97
405 (1) -115 MA PETITE ANGLAISE 21 (F) W Jarvis 9-1 J Reid 95
406 (8) 21 JALFREZI 26 (F) J Toller 9-0 W Newnes 91
407 (10) 3-31 BOLDINA BAY 10 (S) M Johnston 8-12 J Carroll 92
408 (4) 0-10 STINGING REPLY 27 (F) I Balding 8-11 Pat Eddery 93
409 (6) 3-40 RIVER KEEN 43 (B) R Armstrong 8-9 J Quinn
410 (3) 0543 ELPIDOS 21 (G) C Brittain 8-2 M Roberts 92

3-1 Rokeby Bowl, 7-2 Okavango, 6-1 Tranquillity 7-1 Major Change, 8-1 Ma Petite Anglaise, Jalfrezi, Boldina Bay, 10-1 others.

4.35 TRAFALGAR SQUARE HANDICAP
(£4,377: 1m 6f) (11)

501 (4) 133- TUKANO 93J (S) J Jenkins 4-9-13 S Whitworth 90
502 (11) 014- IVOR'S FLUTTER 227J (G,S) D Elsworth 6-9-12 A Procter (5) 87
503 (7) 0-06 PEMBRIDGE PLACE 14 (S) J Dunlop 4-9-10 Pat Eddery 92
504 (5) 3101 JOHNS ACT 17 (G,S) D Haydn Jones 5-9-9 J Reid 98
505 (10) 3335 CUANGO 21 (F,G,S) R Hollinshead 4-9-7 L Dettori 97
506 (3) -211 EMBRACING 18 (CD,F,S) M Stoute 3-8-10 W R Swinburn 93
507 (2) 05-0 FAST FORWARD FRED 18 L Montague Hall 4-8-8 D Harrison 92
508 (6) 0312 REQUESTED 18 (D,F,G) P Burgoyne 8-8-6 D R McCabe (3) 95
509 (8) 3-24 ELA MAN HOWA 11 (CD,BF,F,G) R Akehurst 4-8-3 M Roberts 93
510 (1) 1253 JARAAB 10 (V,G) G Lewis 4-7-8 J Quinn
511 (9) 403- RUN HIGH 371 (CD,F,G) P Mitchell 12-7-7 D Wright (3) 81

7-4 Embracing, 6-1 Ela Man Howa, 7-1 Johns Act, 8-1 Ivor's Flutter, 10-1 Pembridge Place, Requested, 12-1 Jaraab, Cuango, 14-1 others.

5.05 LEICESTER SQUARE CONDITIONS STAKES
(£4,902: 5f 6yd) (7)

601 (6) -000 HELLO MISTER 3 (CD,F,G,S) J O'Donoghue 4-9-12 P McCabe (5) 95
602 (2) 11-6 LOCH PATRICK 14 (D,F,S) L Holt 5-9-12 A McGlone 90
603 (7) 041- TAKADOU 228 (D,F,S) Miss L Siddall 4-9-12 D Harrison 73
604 (3) 5113 LUCKY PARKES 25 (CD,BF,F,G,S) J Berry 5-9-7 J Carroll
605 (4) 4134 OVERBROOK 14 (F,G) I Balding 3-8-12 L Dettori 94
606 (5) 4205 HINTON ROCK 14 (D,F) M Bell 3-8-9 M Roberts 96
607 (1) 12-5 PAINTED DESERT 18 (BF,F) R Charlton 3-8-6 Pat Eddery 91

5-2 Loch Patrick, 3-1 Painted Desert, 7-2 Overbrook, 4-1 Lucky Parkes, 10-1 Hinton Rock, Hello Mister, 14-1 Takadou.

5.40 GROSVENOR SQUARE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,680: 7f 16yd) (10)

1 (4) 2- AKIL 249 R Armstrong 9-0 M Roberts
2 (7) 00 BACKHANDER 27 J Toller 9-0 S Whitworth
3 (1) 3 DIRECT DIAL 14 J Toller 9-0 J Carroll 85
4 (3) HAWAASH J Fanshawe 9-0 D Harrison –
5 (8) 06-0 SHARP CONSUL 14 H Candy 9-0 W Newnes –
6 (6) 6- TOUCH A MILLION 273 E Dunlop 9-0 W R Swinburn 81
7 (10) YEATH R Akehurst 9-0 T Ashley (7) –
8 (2) ZAALEFF M Stoute 9-0 A McGlone –
9 (9) 0 FERN'S GOVERNOR 35 W Musson 8-9 E Guest –
10 (5) MILLAZURE R Charlton 8-9 Pat Eddery –

11-4 Zaaleff, 3-1 Millazure, 7-2 Akil, 6-1 Direct Dial, 8-1 Hawaash, Touch A Million, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 4 winners from 15 runners, 26.7%; J Gosden, 19 from 90, 21.1%; Miss L Siddall, 3 from 16, 18.8%; R Boss, 3 from 16, 18.8%; J Berry, 9 from 49, 18.4%; J Fanshawe, 11 from 60, 18.3%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 48 winners from 255 rides, 18.8%; M Roberts, 41 from 236, 17.4%; L Dettori, 28 from 176, 15.9%; W R Swinburn, 21 from 154, 13.6%; D Harrison, 11 from 85, 12.9%; D Biggs, 6 from 47, 12.8%.

BATH

THUNDERER
2.00 Tropical Jungle. 2.30 Tarf. 3.05 Moonlight Quest. 3.35 Laurel Crown. 4.10 Polonez Prima. 4.40 Hi-Aud. 5.10 Winsome Wooster.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 JUNE SELLING STAKES
(£2,647: 1m 2f 46yd) (18 runners)

1 0-05 ESTHAL 5 (V,G) A Barrow 5-9-10 N Varley (5) 8
2 2212 TROPICAL JUNGLE 16 (B,D,BF,G) P Makin 5-9-10. T Quinn 10
3 0002 ZAHRAN 12 (BF,F,G) J Bradley 4-9-10 S Drowne (5) 13
4 0- OLD MASTER 23J R Baker 4-9-5 B Powell 17
5 3000 SHARP GAZELLE 16 (C,F) B Smart 5-9-5 A Daly (7) 7
6 204- SHARP SPRING 42J J White 4-9-5 A Clark 15
7 40/ SMOOTH HOUND 7J (B) M Pipe 4-9-5 Paul Eddery 14
8 40-0 STATELY HOME 6 B Millman 4-9-5 J Williams 18
9 06-0 MISS GRUNTLED 40 (B) D ffrench Davis 4-9-0. R Painter (5) 6
10 04 NITA'S CHOICE 12 A Newcombe 5-9-0. Amanda Sanders (7) 9
11 00- PATS FOLLY 281 F Yardley 4-9-0 Cindy Morris 1
12 000- RITA'S SOFA 264 Mrs A Jemmy 4-9-0 M Wigham 3
13 000- WHARFEDALE MUSIC 278 M Pipe 4-9-0. R Hughes 12
14 0-0 CHASE THE MELODY 30 M Heaton-Ellis 3-8-7 S Sanders (3) 16
15 00 COASTGUARDS HAVEN 15 M Bolton 3-8-7 B Doyle 4
16 5346 SPITFIRE BRIDGE 12 M McCormack 3-8-7 B Thomson 2
17 5 TRY OMNIPOTENT 7 C Allen 3-8-7 P Robinson 11
18 4000 TAPPING FEET 10 (V) D Hyde 3-8-2 N Adams 5

4-1 Zahran, 5-1 Tropical Jungle, 6-1 Wharfedale Music, 7-1 Spitfire Bridge, Stately Home, 10-1 Sharp Spring, Smooth Hound, 12-1 others.

2.30 PUMP ROOM CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,198: 5f 11yd) (5)

1 10 HOH MAJESTIC 23 (D,BF,F) M Bell 9-1 T Quinn 3
2 1 STANDOWN 26 (D,F) J Berry 9-1 P Roberts (7) 4
3 4 HIGH PRIORITY 8 M Channon 8-11 R Hughes 2
4 IT'S A RIPPER G Lewis 8-11 Paul Eddery 1
5 23 TARF 10 P Walwyn 8-6 P Robinson 5

5-4 Tarf, 5-2 Hoh Majestic, 9-2 High Priority, 6-1 Standown, 10-1 It's A Ripper.

3.05 BONUSPRINT HANDICAP
(£3,790: 2m 1f 34yd) (5)

1 1202 MOONLIGHT QUEST 17 (F,G,S) B Hanbury 7-10-0 P Robinson 4
2 3342 PRINCE DANZIG 11 (F,G) D Murray Smith 4-9-1 R Hughes 3
3 /3-6 SOPHISM 7 (BF) M Pipe 6-8-7 J Williams 2
4 0005 CHAKALAK 10 (F,G) S Dow 7-8-3 A Daly (7) 1
5 3-00 ACCESS SUN 15 (F) J King 8-7-7 N Varley (5) 5

5-4 Moonlight Quest, 3-1 Prince Danzig, 9-2 Sophism, 6-1 Chakalak, 16-1 Access Sun.

3.35 CHARLCOMBE MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,188: 5f 11yd) (10)

1 34 LAUREL CROWN 14 J Berry 8-8 P Roberts (7) 8
2 5 DANDE FLYER 35 D Arbuthnot 8-7 T Quinn 2
3 5 JALEEL 46 R Hannon 8-6 B Thomson 9
4 0 PARIS JOELLE 28 M Channon 8-5 A Clark 5
5 CHEMCAST B Meehan 8-2 B Doyle 1
6 MALICE CORNER L Cottrell 8-2 P Robinson 10
7 ABSOLUTELYSTUNNING Mrs B Waring 8-0 S Drowne (5) 3
8 06 MEMBERS WELCOME 26 P Murphy 8-0 R Waterfield (7) 7
9 DISH THE DOSH P Murphy 7-9 N Adams 4
10 5 DOUBLE OR BUST 85 R Baker 7-9 N Varley (5) 6

11-4 Laurel Crown, 3-1 Jaleel, 7-2 Dande Flyer, 8-1 Paris Joelle, 8-1 Chemcast, 12-1 Malice Corner, Absolutelystunning, 14-1 others.

4.10 BECKFORD TOWER HANDICAP
(£3,582: 1m 5yd) (7)

1 3022 CONFRONTER 3 (D,G,S) S Dow 6-10-0 A Daly (7) 6
2 1410 ARNDILLY 22 (B,D,F,G) B Meehan 4-9-10 B Doyle 1
3 0-00 ZERMATT 7 (D,S) M Usher 5-9-7 B Thomson 4
4 0544 POLONEZ PRIMA 8 (D,F,G) J Spearing 8-9-5 Paul Eddery 5
5 0536 INDEFENCE 11 (V,F,G) M Channon 4-9-2 R Hughes 3
6 0-04 ELITE JUSTICE 15 (B,F) P Cole 3-8-11 T Quinn 2
7 0-60 INDIAN TEMPLE 4 M Saunders 4-7-12 N Varley (5) 7

9-4 Confronter, 3-1 Polonez Prima, 4-1 Elite Justice, 5-1 Arndilly, 6-1 Indefence, 14-1 Zermatt, 25-1 Indian Temple.

4.40 BEDMINSTER LIMITED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,915: 1m 3f 144yd) (7)

1 0-00 HADABET 18 Miss J Doyle 8-11 R Hughes 7
2 4303 MARCHANT MING 15 (B) M Jarvis 8-11 P Robinson 5
3 00-0 RUDDIGORE 22 R Hannon 8-11 B Thomson 4
4 0-00 SILKS AND STUDS 12 J White 8-11 S Drowne (5) 6
5 0600 ZUNO FLYER 12 G Lewis 8-11 Paul Eddery 2
6 3411 HI-AUD 3 (D,F,G) J Akehurst 8-10 T Quinn 3
7 -331 HYDROFOIL 15 (G) B Hills 8-8 J D Smith (5) 1

7-4 Hydrofoil, 2-1 Hi-Aud, 9-2 Marchant Ming, 6-1 Ruddigore, 14-1 Hadabet, Zuno Flyer, 20-1 Silks And Studs.

5.10 TETBURY HANDICAP (£4,302: 5f 161yd) (10)

1 500- JADE PET 260 (F,G) R Hannon 4-10-0 Mark Denaro (7) 9
2 0010 ANN'S PEARL 21 (C,F,G) J Hills 4-9-10 B Thomson 2
3 1014 SILENT EXPRESSION 7 (D,F,G) B Meehan 5-9-5 B Doyle 7
4 3600 KILDEE LAD 10 (CD,F,G) A Jones 5-9-2 A Clark 5
5 -043 ROBELLION 17 (C,F) D Arbuthnot 4-8-12 T Quinn 10
6 -324 WINSOME WOOSTER 17 (CD,G,S) P Murphy 4-8-12 S Drowne (5) 3
7 0152 TINKER OSMASTON 12 (CD,F) M Saunders 4-8-11 J Williams 4
8 1454 JUCEA 8 (C,F,G) J Spearing 6-8-10 Paul Eddery 6
9 -502 LOUISVILLE BELLE 19 (G) M Usher 6-7-7 C Adamson (7) 1
10 5-64 ASHKERNAZY 24 (F) N Berry 4-7-7 N Varley (5) 8

7-2 Silent Expression, 9-2 Winsome Wooster, 5-1 Tinker Osmaston, 6-1 Kildee Lad, 8-1 Ann's Pearl, Robellion, 10-1 Louisville Belle, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J King, 7 winners from 22 runners, 31.8%; J Berry, 11 from 46, 23.9%; J White, 3 from 13, 23.1%; M Bell, 4 from 20, 20%; D Arbuthnot, 6 from 31, 19.4%; G Lewis, 9 from 49, 18.4%.

JOCKEYS: T Quinn, 23 winners from 131 rides, 17.6%; Paul Eddery, 15 from 85, 17.6%; R Hughes, 4 from 23, 17.4%; B Doyle, 6 from 38, 15.8%; B Thomson, 4 from 33, 12.1%; S Drowne, 8 from 67, 11.9%.

☐ Broadway Flyer (John Hills — Michael Hills), Strategic Choice (Paul Cole — Richard Quinn) and Linney Head (John Gosden — Lanfranco Dettori) are among a seven-strong field for the group one £130,023 Gran Premio di Milano (1m 4f) tomorrow. Michael Roberts rides the likely favourite, Lando, trained in Germany by Heinz Jentzsch.

YORK

THUNDERER

2.15 Kahir Almaydan	3.45 Superpride
	4.15 *QUANGO (nap)*
2.45 Amanah	4.45 Sycamore Lodge
3.15 Slasher Jack	5.15 Miss Aragon

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 TYKEYVOR (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 STYLISH WAYS (nap). 4.15 Ela-Aristokrati.

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.15 LEONARD SAINER EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,124: 6f) (4 runners)

1 (1) DESERT BELL (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 M Hills –
2 (2) HOUSE OF RICHES (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-0 J Weaver –
3 (4) INTIDAB (H Al Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0 R Hills –
4 (3) 2 KAHIR ALMAYDAN 27 (M Al Sayegh) J Dunlop 9-0 W Carson

BETTING: Evens Kahir Almaydan, 3-1 Intidab, 7-2 Desert Bell, 5-1 House of Riches.

1994: FARD 9-0 W Carson (10-11 fav) D Morley 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

DESERT BELL (foaled Apr 19, cost 86,000gns). Half-brother by Green Desert, to four winners, including 7f/1m winner Silk Petal. HOUSE OF RICHES (May 1). Half-brother by Shirley Heights to Referential, 1m 6f winner at three years; dam 7f winner in Italy. INTIDAB (Mar 20). First foal by Phone Trick; dam 6f juvenile winner. KAHIR ALMAYDAN short-head 2nd of 18 to Russian Revival in a maiden at Newbury (6f, good to firm). Selection: KAHIR ALMAYDAN

2.45 JACK HANSON & GUY REED STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,026: 7f 202yd) (4 runners)

1 (3) 400-050 SHIFTING MOON 28 (BF)(V) (J Smith) I Balding 9-0 W Ryan 82
2 (1) 0- VENICE BEACH 347 (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0 M Hills –
3 (2) 2 AMANAH 73 (H Al Maktoum) J Gosden 8-9 W Carson
4 (4) RUBY ROCK (J Lacy) B Murray 8-9 J Fortune –

BETTING: 4-7 Amanah, 2-1 Shifting Moon, 6-1 Venice Beach, 50-1 Ruby Rock.

1994: DIABAIG 8-9 P Robinson (7-1) M Jarvis 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHIFTING MOON about 5l 5th of 12 to Classicy in handicap at Chester (7f 122yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. VENICE BEACH 15l 12th of 17 to Kalabo in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). AMANAH ½l 2nd of 18 to Lucky Di in maiden at Ripon (1m, good to soft). RUBY ROCK Second foal by Rock City; dam winner in USA. Selection: AMANAH

3.15 QUEEN MOTHER'S CUP RATED HANDICAP C4
(Lady amateurs: £10,143: 1m 3f 195yd) (4 runners)

1 (3) 644-363 SPOT PRIZE 8 (G) (J Smith) I Balding 4-11-8 C Ball 95
2 (2) 31123-6 TETHYS 21 (C,D,F) (M Gleeson) J Eyre 4-10-7 Diane Jones 89
3 (1) 23184-1 AMANCIO 6 (D,F,G) (Paul H Locke) G Harwood 4-10-8 A Harwood 90
4 (4) 6-00615 SLASHER JACK 7 (CD,F,G) (T Chiang) S Norton 4-9-13 L Pearce

BETTING: 6-4 Amancio, 5-2 Tethys, 11-4 Spot Prize, 5-1 Slasher Jack.

1994: SADLER'S IMAGE 3-9-8 M Cowdrey (8-13 fav) M Stoute 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

SPOT PRIZE 4l and neck 3rd of 5 to Ela-Aristokrati in conditions race at Epsom (1m 2f, good to firm). TETHYS about 21l last of 6 to Trans Siberia in handicap at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good). AMANCIO beat Wild Strawberry 5l in a 6-runner ladies race at Epsom (1m 4f, good to firm). SLASHER JACK beat Swallows Dream neck in a 4-runner handicap at Haydock (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. Selection: SLASHER JACK

3.45 25th YEAR OF THE WILLIAM HILL TROPHY HANDICAP C4
(3-Y-O: £38,958: 6f) (15 runners)

1 (15) 60-1058 ZEB 21 (G) (Baronsha Stud) B McMahon 9-7 W Gibson 99
2 (13) 240420 WELTON ARSENAL 14 (D,F) (Business Forms Express) M Channon 9-5 C Rutter 95
3 (12) 11-1010 GO HEVER GOLF 30 (D,F,G) (Hever Racing Club) T Naughton 9-1 G Bardwell 98
4 (6) 124-210 EMERGING MARKET 14 (CD,F) (P Wroughton) J Dunlop 9-1 W Ryan 91
5 (14) 413-1 STYLISH WAYS 18 (D,G,S) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 8-13 (7ex) M Hills
6 (5) 32201-6 MUSICAL SEASON 49 (S) (P Savill) T Barron 8-12 J Fortune 88
7 (10) 131-111 PERRYSTON VIEW 14 (V,D,F,G,S) P Calver 8-9 (7ex) M Birch 90
8 (4) 100132 BOLD EFFORT 14 (D,F,G) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 8-8 T Ives 95
9 (3) 66-4213 FRENCH GRIT 14 (D,F) (C Wilson) M Dods 8-7 J Weaver 94
10 (8) 12146-0 BAJAN ROSE 41 (D,F,G) (C McKenna) M Blanshard 8-7 Stephen Davies 92
11 (9) 1603-5 DOCTOR'S GLORY 19 (F) (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 8-6 R Hills 88
12 (7) 6224-01 PRIME MATCH 19 (D,F) (Thing Ensemble) P Harris 8-4 (7ex) M Fenton 92
13 (2) 2-0154 COASTAL BLUFF 14 (F) (Mrs B Skegg) T Barron 8-0 K Darley 95
14 (1) 321-023 SUPERPRIDE 12 (D,BF,S) (Mrs M Ward) Mrs M Reveley 7-8 Dale Gibson 94
15 (11) 0-10240 BOLSHOI 14 (B,F) (Mrs D Brown) J Berry 7-7 N Carlisle 94

BETTING: 5-1 Stylish Ways, 11-2 Perryston View, 6-1 Coastal Bluff, French Grit, 10-1 Go Hever Golf, Bold Effort, 12-1 Emerging Market, 14-1 others.

1994: ENCORE M'LADY 7-11 N Carlisle (20-1) F Lee 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

GO HEVER GOLF beat BOLSHOI (10lb better off) 5l in handicap at Chester (6f, good to firm). STYLISH WAYS beat WELTON ARSENAL (4lb worse off) 1¾l in conditions race at Leicester (6f, good). PERRYSTON VIEW beat BOLD EFFORT (7lb better off) ½l in a handicap at Newmarket (6f, good) with FRENCH GRIT (7lb better off) neck 3rd, COASTAL BLUFF (9lb better off) ½l 4th, EMERGING MARKET (7lb better off) 3¼l 5th, BOLSHOI (6lb better off) short-head 9th and WELTON ARSENAL (7lb better off) ½l 11th. PRIME MATCH beat Bouche Bee 2l in a 7-runner auction maiden at Redcar (6f, good to firm). Selection: ZEB

4.15 DANIEL PRENN RATED HANDICAP C4
(Listed race: 3-Y-O: £11,891: 1m 2f 85yd) (4 runners)

1 (1) 2100-31 ELA-ARISTOKRATI 6 (D,F,G) (A Michael) M Stoute 9-7 M Hills 96
2 (3) 512-4 ZAMALEK 19 (B,C,F) (Buckram Oak) H Cecil 8-12 W Ryan 88
3 (2) 12-35 SAYEH 80 (S) (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-12 R Hills
4 (4) 142 QUANGO 18 (G) (L Milligan) J Fitzgerald 8-7 K Fallon 96

BETTING: 11-10 Ela-Aristokrati, 7-4 Zamalek, 7-2 Quango, 8-1 Sayeh.

1994: OLD HICKORY 9-2 J Weaver (13-2) L Cumani 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELA-ARISTOKRATI beat Stiletto 4l in a 5-runner race at Epsom (1m 2f, good to firm). ZAMALEK 10¼l 4th of 5 to Fist Island at Doncaster (1m, good). SAYEH 11l last of 5 to Tamure over course and distance (good). QUANGO about 4¾l 4th of 5 to Ihtiram in a conditions race at Thirsk (1m, firm) on penultimate start. Selection: ELA-ARISTOKRATI (nap)

4.45 CADOGAN SILVER SALVER HANDICAP C4
(£11,138: 1m 205yd) (17 runners)

1 (11) 1180-05 FOREVER DIAMONDS 7 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Russell) M H Easterby 8-9-10 M Birch 95
2 (3) 200100- BOLD AMUSEMENT 280 (F,G) (D Bell) W Cunningham 5-9-9 Dean McKeown 86
3 (9) 10010-6 DAAWE 22 (V,G,S) (Mrs A Mallinson) Mrs V Aconley 4-9-8 K Fallon 84
4 (16) 125-005 COUNTRY LOVER 19 (F,G) (Sir G Brunton) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-8 J Weaver 92
5 (2) 5/6136-4 DANCING HEIGHTS 22 (F) (R Leah) I Balding 4-9-4 W Ryan 97
6 (7) 0000-51 TYKEYVOR 24 (F,G) (Seymour Bloodstock) Lady Herries 5-9-0 K Darley
7 (17) 060-004 PERCY BRAITHWAITE 11 (B,C,F) (B Yeardley) M Johnston 3-8-11 D Holland 96
8 (5) 30-3622 SYCAMORE LODGE 16 (BF) (Mrs J MacPherson) P Calver 4-8-10 J Stack (5) 96
9 (1) 010565 PRIDE OF PENDLE 6 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs L Miller) D Nicholls 6-8-9 Alex Greaves 97
10 (15) 1000-21 COUREUR 10 (D,F,G) (R Gibbons) J Bethell 6-8-6 T Ives 96
11 (8) 433-500 SAMAH 27 (F) (Mrs N Robinson) D Nicholls 5-8-5 N Connorton 97
12 (14) 242250 BATTLE COLOURS 52 (F,G) (Mrs C Cawley) Don Enrico Incisa 6-8-2 Kim Tinkler 91
13 (10) 142245 ROSEATE LODGE 16 (F,G) (D Maloney) N Bycroft 9-8-2 S Maloney 90
14 (12) 1000-05 MASTER OF THE HOUSE 14 (F,G,S) M Hammond 9-8-0 J Marshall 90
15 (6) 00040-0 NO COMEBACKS 8 (CD,F,S) (L Snowden) E Alston 7-7-12 A Mackay 90
16 (13) 503114 GOSPEL SONG 24 (D,BF,G) W Kemp 3-7-10 Darren Moffatt (3) 96
17 (4) 00-0058 MAURANGI 5 (F,S) (M Foxon) B Murray 4-7-8 Martin Dwyer (7) 93

BETTING: 5-1 Tykeyvor, 11-2 Coureur, 6-1 Country Lover, 7-1 Sycamore Lodge, Forever Diamonds, 8-1 Dancing Heights, Pride of Pendle, 12-1 others.

1994: NO COMEBACKS 6-8-4 K Fallon (8-1) E Alston 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLD AMUSEMENT best effort last term beat Silverlocks neck in 7-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good to firm). COUNTRY LOVER about 6¼l 5th of 10 to Penny A Day in a handicap at Redcar (1m 2f, good to firm) with PRIDE OF PENDLE (2lb worse off) neck 6th. TYKEYVOR beat Superfumigal 6l in a 5-runner conditions race at Salisbury (1m 2f, good). PERCY BRAITHWAITE 9¼l 4th of 9 to Rokeby Bowl in a handicap at Pontefract (1m 2f, good). COUREUR beat Kasih Homm 2½l in a 7-runner handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good). GOSPEL SONG beat Pc's Cruiser 2½l in a 17-runner handicap at Thirsk (1m, firm). Selection: PERCY BRAITHWAITE

5.15 MICHAEL SOBELL HANDICAP (£7,718: 6f) (20 runners)

1 (17) 01-2401 SAILORMAITE 8 (D,G,S) (S Bowring) S Bowring 4-10-3 S Webster 91
2 (20) 003-030 HERE COMES A STAR 8 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Goodridge) J Carr 7-10-0 T Ives 89
3 (8) 00120-5 BOLD ANGEL 9 (D,F,G,S) (A Wragg) M H Easterby 8-9-12 M Birch 90
4 (15) 0-81134 REVEREND THICKNESS 16 (G,S) S Williams 4-9-12 K Darley 89
5 (19) 0-00010 BAYIN 17 (D,F,G,S) (T Barker) M Usher 6-9-7 R Street 91
6 (7) 022-6 SOUTH ROCK 57 (B Farr) J Glover 3-9-5 Dean McKeown 89
7 (2) 03454-6 FORMIDABLE LIZ 8 (D,F) (J Johnson) M Hammond 5-8-13 Dale Gibson 85
8 (11) 14-0002 HALMANERROR 4 (C,BF,G,S) (Mrs J Smith) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-12 K Fallon
9 (6) 0-00322 JUST DISSIDENT 7 (Mrs C Hodgetts) R Whitaker 3-8-11 A Culhane 91
10 (13) 100-065 ASHGREN 19 (V,D,G,S) (D Broderick) A Harrison 8-8-10 J Stack (5) 86
11 (1) 034306 SENSE OF PRIORITY 24 (D,F,G) (S Schofield) D Nicholls 6-8-10 Alex Greaves 92
12 (10) 002131 RICH GLOW 14 (F) (M Bateson) N Bycroft 4-8-7 S Maloney 93
13 (18) 220136 PROFIT RELEASE 16 (B,F,G) (Baileys Horse Feeds) M Johnston 4-8-7 D Holland 91
14 (9) 006600 GONDO 9 (V,D,F,G,S) (Mrs H O'Brien) E Alston 8-8-5 C Teague (5) 90
15 (4) 600002 GREEN'S BID 15 (D,G) (J Chapman) D Chapman 5-8-5 L Charnock 97
16 (12) 110050 SIR TASKER 12 (D,F,G) (J Coupland) J L Harris 7-8-5 A Mackay 94
17 (5) 306-200 MISS ARAGON 7 (D,F,G) (Miss L Siddall) Miss L Siddall 7-8-1 N Carlisle 98
18 (3) 302-023 AL WUJUD 16 (M Flynn) T Dyer 4-8-0 J Fanning 89
19 (16) 00-0080 RANKAIDADE 7 (G) (D Incisa) Don Enrico Incisa 4-7-11 Kim Tinkler 84
20 (14) 003005 CAFE SOLO 8 (B,D,S) (J White) N Bycroft 4-7-7 N Kennedy 90

BETTING: 6-1 Halmanerror, 7-1 Sailormaite, Bold Angel, 8-1 Profit Release, Rich Glow, 10-1 others.

1994: WINTER COAT 3-9-6 L Dettori (10-1) J Gosden 23 ran

FORM FOCUS

SAILORMAITE beat Jigsaw Boy 1¾l in handicap at Haydock (6f, good to soft) with CAFE SOLO (10lb better off) about 1½l 5th and HERE COMES A STAR about 5¾l 12th. REVEREND THICKNESS 3¼l 3rd of 20 to Dawalib in a handicap at Warwick (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. BAYIN beat Cohway Rake short-head in handicap at Newbury (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. JUST DISSIDENT ½l 2nd of 10 to Premium Gift in maiden at Doncaster (5f, good). GREEN'S BID ½l 2nd of 13 to Efficacy in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f). Selection: SAILORMAITE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Lady Herries	6	21	28.6	D Holland	12	66	18.2
J Gosden	32	116	27.6	W Ryan	12	80	15.0
H Cecil	24	99	24.2	M Fenton	3	20	15.0
J Dunlop	13	75	17.3	G Carter	8	58	13.8
M Stoute	21	122	17.2	W Carson	29	214	13.6
L Cumani	12	75	16.0	Only qualifiers			

Presenting adds weight to Irish classic

By Julian Muscat

TAMURE, beaten a length by Lammtarra in the Derby, will not renew rivalry with the Blue Riband winner in the Irish Derby a week tomorrow. But the Curragh classic is the target for Presenting, a stable companion of Tamure who finished a further three-quarters of a length adrift of Lammtarra in third place at Epsom.

Lammtarra's participation in Ireland is expected to be confirmed this weekend. Moonshell, the Oaks winner, is to avoid the colts by running in the Irish Oaks. Celtic Swing's presence depends entirely on the ground, presently described as firm, but Tamure is to be rested after contesting four races in seven weeks.

"It's most unlikely Tamure will be supplemented for the race with Lammtarra," his trainer, John Gosden, said yesterday. "We'll give the horse some time off and bring him back later in the season. He's done well considering he started the season unraced."

As for Presenting, Gosden intends to follow the post-Derby comments of his jockey, Cash Asmussen. "Cash told me to run Presenting in Ireland because the horse had a few problems coming down the hill at Epsom. He may benefit from a more galloping track." No jockey has yet been booked for Presenting, who stayed on throughout the final two furlongs at Epsom. Fast ground is essential for the son of Mtoto.

Injuries have depleted Gosden's raid on the juvenile prizes at Royal Ascot next week. L'Ami Louis, fancied for the Chesham Stakes, has sustained a minor sinus problem. He now waits for the July meeting at Newmarket. And Polish Legion injured himself in the course of his winning debut at Newbury last month. "As my old mentor, Charlie Whittingham, used to say, 'horses are like strawberries. They spoil awful easy'," Gosden reflected.

Consolation for the Newmarket trainer arrived in the shape of Pommard, an ultimately convincing winner of the Logitech Mouse Maiden Stakes at Sandown yesterday. The unraced son of Darshaan, who turned for home in last place, demonstrated admirable resolution to collar Detachment close home. The performance was given added substance as Pommard had to overcome an interrupted passage in the home straight. He will now be upped in class.

John Dunlop, who saddled Special Dawn to land the ten-furlong Chequers Handicap, attributed Aqaarid's disappointing sixth place in the Oaks to the prevailing fast ground. The filly returned to Castle Stables otherwise unscathed. A spell of wet weather could see her enter calculations for a third rubber with Moonshell in the Irish Oaks.

Brian Meehan, formerly assistant to Richard Hannon, sent out his fourth two-year-old winner from eight starters this season when his newcomer, Warning Time, proved too strong for Shining Cloud in the opening Rosemary Maiden. Like many young trainers, Meehan adopts an attacking policy. He will have three juvenile representatives at Royal Ascot: Oberons Boy in the Coventry, Amaretto Bay in the Norfolk and Tumbleweed Ridge in the Windsor Castle.

JULIAN HERBERT



Pat Eddery produces Special Dawn with a well-timed challenge to take command in the Chequers Handicap at Sandown yesterday

Court bans Pleat from moving to Sheffield Wednesday

By Peter Ball

LUTON Town yesterday last night won a High Court injunction banning David Pleat from becoming the manager of Sheffield Wednesday. Pleat was appointed by the FA Carling Premiership club this week after resigning as Luton's manager when the clubs failed to agree compensation for the move.

Pleat has been forced to promise he will not work for his new club until at least June 28, when Luton will return to court. Wednesday yesterday appointed Danny Bergara, the former Stockport County manager, as chief coach.

The Luton chairman, David Kohler, is hoping Wednesday will see sense and increase their "derisory" offer for Pleat and that the matter can be resolved without the need for further litigation. Otherwise, he is prepared to fight them all the way "to set an example" after what he calls "irresponsible and unnecessary disruption" to his Endsleigh Insurance League first division club.

Like Paul Ince, John Salako is spending the weekend debating a big career move, leaving the football club that wants to buy him in some disarray. With Ince mulling over a transfer to Internazionale, of Milan, Salako flew back from holiday in Jamaica yesterday to meet Kevin Keegan, the manager of Newcastle United, but left the North East without signing.

Newcastle, who have already spent £10 million this summer, on Warren Barton and Les Ferdinand, had agreed terms for a £2 million deal for the Crystal Palace winger. The player wants to discuss the move with his girlfriend before agreeing.

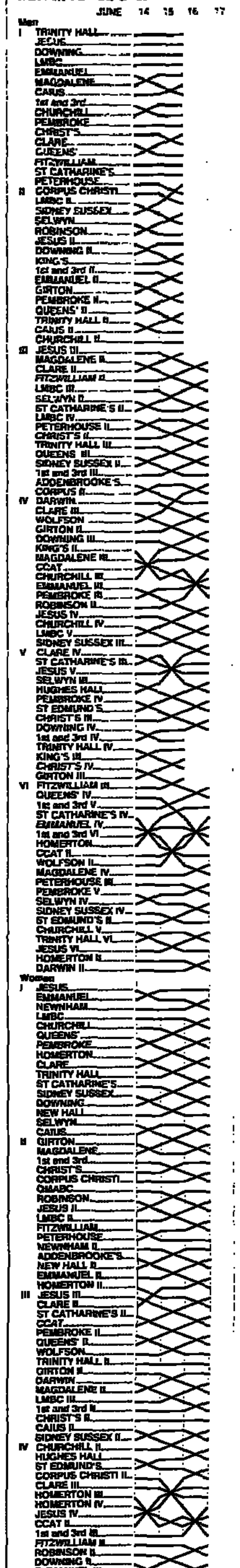
Stan Collymore will probably sympathise with Salako. The Nottingham Forest striker was deciding which side of Stanley Park he wanted to be based last night after second meetings with Everton and Liverpool. Both clubs have agreed a British record transfer fee of £8.5 million with Forest, but Everton appear to be the marginal favourites to secure his services.

Ince's rather more expensive £7 million switch to Internazionale has, like Salako's transfer, stalled on the domestic front, and both clubs have had to cancel planned press conferences announcing the moves.

It was a bad day all round for Newcastle, who had also agreed a £3 million transfer fee with Paris Saint-Germain for David Ginola, the France international forward, but that broke down when they were unable to agree personal terms.

MAY RACES

IN THE women's first division, a "bumps 10" by Newnham stopped Jesus at the Pink House. Only Sidney Sussex rowed over.



LEICESTER

THUNDERER

6.40 Master Millfield. 7.10 Polaris Flight. 7.40 Capias. 8.10 Kilvine. 8.40 Royal Scimitar. 9.10 Midnight Break.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

6.40 SPORTING GREEN HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,307: 7f 9yd) (11 runners)

1 1214 FANTASY RACING 6 (F,G,S) M Channon 9-7 R Hughes 2
2 1200 LYFORD LAW 19 (D,G) J Gosden 9-6 L Dettori 1
3 051- SILVER TZAR 243 (D,F) W Haggas 9-5 M Hills 9
4 -00T MISTER RM 14 (D,G) R Guest 9-4 G Hind 4
5 -535 YOUNG BENSON 10 B McMahon 9-1 J Fortune 10
6 0-00 WESTERN FAME 39 J Dunlop 9-1 W Carson 6
7 4604 CATS BOTTOM 7 (F) D Cosgrove 8-10 J Tate (3) 5
8 -115 CLOETTE 7 (D,G) W O'Gorman 8-9 Emma O'Gorman 11
9 -622 WANDERING MINSTREL 12 (BF) J Eustace 8-8 G Carter 7
10 0425 MASTER MILLFIELD 6 (D,G) C Hill 8-8 M Henry (7) 3
11 605U DELIGHTFUL DANCER 18 (V) B Hills 8-0 M Baird (5) 8

9-2 Fantasy Racing, 5-1 Wandering Minstrel, 6-1 Master Millfield, Mister Rm, 7-1 Lyford Law, 8-1 Cloetta, 10-1 Cats Bottom, 12-1 others.

7.10 TIPSTERS TABLE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,947: 5f 2yd) (7) SKY

1 4 ATRAF 10 D Morley 9-0 W Carson 5
2 POLARIS FLIGHT P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 J Reid 1
3 5 TIN MAN 28 B McMahon 9-0 J Fortune 3
4 00 CREDITE RISQUE 37 M McCormack 8-9 W Ryan 7
5 GOVERNORS DREAM Mrs N Macauley 8-9 J Tate (3) 4
6 66 LADY ECLAT 22 J Glover 8-9 S D Williams 2
7 52 NELLIE NORTH 12 Mrs M McCourt 8-9 R Studholme (7) 6

4-6 Polaris Flight, 7-2 Atraf, 6-1 Nellie North, 14-1 Tin Man, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 5 winners from 12 runners, 41.7%; J Gosden, 20 from 78, 25.6%; P Walwyn, 7 from 29, 24.1%; H Cecil, 19 from 83, 22.9%; M Stoute, 13 from 60, 21.7%; J Dunlop, 16 from 93, 17.2%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 32 winners from 163 rides, 19.6%; J Weaver, 13 from 67, 19.4%; W Carson, 23 from 121, 19.0%; W R Swinburn, 13 from 84, 15.5%; J Reid, 15 from 102, 14.7%; T Quinn, 20 from 148, 13.5%.

7.40 LEICESTER MERCURY STAKES SKY
(Listed race: £11,826: 1m 3f 183yd) (7)

1 -311 KHAMASEEN 35 (G,S) J Dunlop 4-9-4 J Reid 5
2 32-4 BLUSH RAMBLER 48 (G) M Stoute 5-8-12 W R Swinburn 1
3 52-1 CAPIAS 17 (F,G) J Gosden 4-8-12 L Dettori 4
4 354- KATIMYO 161J (F) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-12 J Tate 7
5 204- SUMMIT 294 (D,F,S) Mrs J Pitman 4-8-12 D Holland 3
6 0044 WAYNE COUNTY 18 (C,D,F,G,S) G Fierro 5-8-12 J Fortune 6
7 21- TOTALITY 243 (F) H Cecil 4-8-7 W Ryan 2

2-1 Blush Rambler, 9-4 Khamaseen, 5-2 Capias, 8-1 Totality, 20-1 Wayne County, Katimyo, 33-1 Summit.

8.10 TELE-ADS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,865: 5f 218yd) (9) SKY

1 0 FOUR WEDDINGS 15 M Bell 9-0 G Faulkner (7) 8
2 4 KILVINE 27 L Cumani 9-0 W R Swinburn 4
3 4 NED AL SHEEBA 15 (BF) W Haggas 9-0 M Hills 2
4 NIGHT OF GLASS D Morris 9-0 J Fortune 5
5 OUR ALBERT J Glover 9-0 Dean McKeown 3
6 PROPER BLUE T Mills 9-0 L Dettori 6
7 0 SEEKING DESTINY 22 Mrs M McCourt 9-0 G Carter 9
8 ANIMATION K McAuliffe 8-9 J Tate (3) 7
9 SIBBERTOFT P Cole 8-9 T Quinn 1

4-5 Kilvine, 7-2 Sibbertoft, 8-1 Ned Al Sheeba, 10-1 Proper Blue, 12-1 others.

8.40 SPORTS MERCURY CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: £5,256: 1m 3f 183yd) (6) SKY

1 2160 ROYAL SCIMITAR 20 (D,G) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 5
2 014- TENORIO 254 (G) D Loder 9-0 D R McCabe (3) 4
3 21 TRIQUETTI 28 (F) L Cumani 9-0 L Dettori 6
4 68-5 WAKEEL 21 (B) E Dunlop 9-0 W R Swinburn 1
5 1-30 PESCE D'APRILE 27 (S) J Dunlop 8-11 J Reid 2
6 24-5 JADWAL 31 (F) D Morley 8-9 W Carson 3

6-4 Triquetti, 5-2 Tenorio, 9-2 Royal Scimitar, 8-1 Pesce D'Aprile, 10-1 Wakeel, Jadwal.

9.10 MERCURY NIGHT FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,588: 5f 218yd) (8)

1 0220 CRYSTAL LOOP 8 (D,G) A Bailey 3-9-10 G Carter 8
2 -531 MIDNIGHT BREAK 10 (G) P Walwyn 3-9-10 J Weaver 3
3 -053 RACING BRENDA 10 (G) B McMahon 4-9-7 J Fortune 2
4 00-0 ANOTHER BATCHWORTH 14 S Mellor 3-9-5 A Daly (7) 7
5 0000 DARAKAH 77 (D,F,G,S) C Hill 8-9-1 M Henry (7) 5
6 4213 LUGANA VISION 3 (B,G) G Fierro 3-8-13 D R McCabe (3) 1
7 6206 LE BAL 17 (B) Mrs N Macauley 3-8-5 Dale Gibson 4
8 0-60 THE MESTRAL 5 (B) M Ryan 3-8-2 W Carson 6

7-4 Midnight Break, 11-4 Lugana Vision, 4-1 Racing Brenda, 8-1 Crystal Loop, Darakah, 10-1 Le Bal, 12-1 others.

MARKET RASEN

THUNDERER

2.05 Laughing Gas. 2.40 Bally Parson. 3.10 Lankridge. 3.45 Distant Echo. 4.20 Super Sharp. 4.50 Boxing Match. 5.25 Pasja.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

2.05 NEWARK STORAGE NOVICES HURDLE
(£3,116: 3m) (14 runners)

1 212- LAUGHING GAS 14 (G) Mrs N Macauley 6-11-9 R Dunwoody
2 1P2- SNOW BOARD 18 (F) Mrs A Swinbank 6-11-9 Mr Chris Wilson
3 /10- ST MELLION GREEN 14 (F) M Pipe 6-11-9 A P McCoy
4 /61- RUBY VISION 16 (F) T Forster 6-11-4 S Wynne
5 4P/ JENNY'S GLEN 395 B Rothwell 8-11-2 R Supple
6 PP- KING OF CAIRO 59P R Frost 7-11-2 J Frost
7 /02- LISALEEN WREN 14 J Norton 6-11-2 W Fry (5)
8 05P- MARINA'S LAD 16 A James 6-11-2 W Marston
9 000- MIGHTY EXPRESS 46 I Park 6-11-2 N Smith
10 224- SOUTH WESTERLY 28 Mrs M Reveley 7-11-2 P Niven
11 03-5 BIBBY BEAR 7 (V) G Kelly 6-10-11 Mr C Mulhall
12 30- NELLIE BELLE 227 (G) R Fahey 8-10-11 L Wyer
13 /6- TUGRA 26 (F,G) R Tate 7-10-11 A Thornton
14 CRISTAL SPRINGS 15F B McMahon 4-10-4 V Smith

3-1 Ruby Vision, 7-2 Laughing Gas, 4-1 South Westerly, 9-2 St Mellion Green, 7-1 Snow Board, 14-1 Lisaleen Wren, 16-1 others.

2.40 RADIO 5 LIVE HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,172: 2m 1f 110yd) (7)

1 11-0 BALLY PARSON 7 (CD,F,G) R Dickin 9-12-0 D Meredith
1 U2-2 RUPPLES 7 (CD,F,G) M Chapman 8-10-3 W Worthington
2 434- WAYWARD WIND 19 (CD,F,G) J White 11-10-2 N Williamson
3 545- WINDSOR PARK 255 (D,F) K Burke 9-10-2 A P McCoy
4 24-P SECRET SUMMIT 7 (CD,F,G,S) A Forbes 9-10-1 T Eley (3)
5 225- HEATHVIEW 47 (CD,F,G,S) J Fitzgerald 8-10-0 F Leahy (3)
6 46-4 PRESSURE GAME 9 (F) B Mactaggart 12-10-0 F Perratt (3)

6-4 Bally Parson, 4-1 Heathview, 5-1 Wayward Wind, Rupples, 6-1 others.

3.10 PETWOOD HOUSE NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,980: 2m 1f 110yd) (5)

1 314- LANKRIDGE 19 (B,F) W Hern 5-11-5 R Farrant
2 R0-R CARNIVAL KID 7 K Bishop 5-11-0 A Tory
3 /00- HOSTILE ACT 190 S Kettlewell 10-11-0 R Dunwoody
4 2-3 CADEAUX PREMIERE 9 Denys Smith 4-10-9 L Wyer
5 0F/ ROSSCOYNE 21F J Fitch-Heyes 5-10-9 J Neaves (7)

4-6 Lankridge, 9-4 Cadeaux Premiere, 8-1 Hostile Act, 12-1 others.

3.45 ROSELAND GROUP SUMMER FESTIVAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£8,988: 2m 1f 110yd) (17)

1 014- PERSUASIVE 3F (G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-12-0 G McCourt
2 112- WHITE WILLOW 7F (V,D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-13 P Niven
3 614- JEASSU 19 (F,G,S) A J Wilson 12-11-6 T Jenks
4 612- MULCIBER 35 (F) G Harwood 7-11-5 M Perrett
5 544- NOCATCHIM 19 (B,F,G,S) J Fitch-Heyes 6-11-1 J Neaves (7)
6 111- ROBERT'S TOY 15 (D,F,G) M Pipe 4-10-13 A P McCoy
7 /00- SAGAMAN 36 (G,S) R Dickin 9-10-10 N Williamson
8 011- DISTANT ECHO 15 (F,G) D Arbuthnot 5-10-10 S McNeill
9 311- HOSTILE WITNESS 29 (D,F,S) P Hedger 5-10-9 M A Fitzgerald
10 03F- GYMCRAK SOVEREIGN 37 (CD,G,S) G Holmes 7-10-8 R Garritty
11 661- MONTY ROYALE 28 (D,G) N Chance 6-10-8 Mr R Johnson (7)
12 541- SUIVEZ 36 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs N Macauley 5-10-7 R Dunwoody
13 115- THE PREMIER EXPRES 30 (D,F,S) F O'Mahony 5-10-5 R Supple
14 207- KING ATHELSTAN 19 (F,G,S) K Morgan 7-10-2 A S Smith
15 513- GALLARDINI 14 (D,G) B Rothwell 6-10-0 J Supple (3)
16 112- SALINGER 17 (G) J Parkes 7-10-0 V Smith
17 21-2 RUN FOR NICK 6 (D,F,G) Miss Z Green 7-10-0 Mr T Morrison

11-2 Robert's Toy, 6-1 White Willow, 7-1 Distant Echo, 8-1 Hostile Witness, Persuasive, 10-1 Mulciber, Suivez, King Athelstan, 12-1 others.

4.20 BACK A WINNER BY TRAIN NOVICES CHASE
(£4,276: 2m 1f 110yd) (10)

1 412- RAWAAN 21 (F,G,S) N Tinkler 8-11-9 A S Smith
2 512- SUPER SHARP 16 (D,G) H Oliver 7-11-9 Jacqui Oliver
3 0P- ACONITUM 9F J Bradley 7-11-2 Mr R Johnson
4 03P- BRIGGS LAD 28 (B,F) F Dalton 6-11-2 W Marston
5 255- DAYS OF THUNDER 21 (G) J Wade 7-11-2 N Williamson
6 P6-1 HAVE A NIGHTCAP 7 (F,G,S) N Littmoden 6-11-2 J R Kavanagh
7 684- LORD NASKRA 48P J L Harris 6-11-2 Richard Guest
8 026- NAGOBELIA 21 (F,G,S) J Pearce 7-11-2 M Brennan
9 335- NUCLEAR EXPRESS 28 J Bradley 5-11-2 R Farrant
10 446/ LOAN HILL 819P J Fitch-Heyes 11-10-11 J Neaves

5-2 Super Sharp, 3-1 Rawaan, 9-2 Days Of Thunder, 5-1 Have A Nightcap, 6-1 Nagobelia, 16-1 Briggs Lad, Lord Naskra, 20-1 others.

4.50 RACING POST NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,772: 2m 6f 110yd) (15)

1 24-2 RUSTINO 9 (B,G,S) W Cunningham 9-11-10 W Fry (5)
2 802- SAINT BENE'T 19 (F) J Bostock 7-11-8 Mr A Coe (7)
3 5P2- RIVER RED 43 (F) J White 9-11-4 Richard Guest
4 6P1- DIZZY DEALER 18 (F) R Bain 5-11-0 N Smith
5 422- CROMWELL POINT 40P (G,S) C Thornton 9-10-13 P Niven
6 23-2 MASTER'S CROWN 7 (F,G,S) M Chapman 7-10-13 W Worthington
7 42-1 MAGIC BLOOM 7 (C,F,G) J Jefferson 9-10-10 L Wyer
8 33-3 MANOR RHYME 6 J McConnochie 8-10-9 S McNeill
9 44U- ANOTHER NICK 19 (F) J Hubbuck 9-10-9 K Johnson
10 P/0 RUNNING SANDS 7 (S) J Poulton 11-10-9 R Rowell
11 P/5- SHARPRIDGE 21 (G) R Tate 11-10-8 A Thornton
12 P04- MR SUNNYSIDE 23 (G) R Frost 9-10-6 J Frost
13 F4-P COUP DE CATHERINE 9 W Barker 9-10-2 R Supple
14 0P3- BOXING MATCH 16 (F,G) J Bradley 8-10-0 R Farrant
15 32P- CORRADO 48P (G) J Poulton 11-10-0 L O'Hara

3-1 River Red, 9-2 Manor Rhyme, 5-1 Dizzy Dealer, 7-1 Rustino, 8-1 Magic Bloom, 10-1 Mr Sunnyside, Boxing Match, 12-1 others.

5.25 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND SUMMER FESTIVAL OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,637: 1m 5f 110yd) (14)

1 00-3 FALSE CREEK 7 G Harwood 5-11-3 M Perrett
2 0- EASBY JESTER 38 S Kettlewell 4-10-12 R Garritty
3 4- HIGHLAND SPIN 28 Mrs M Reveley 4-10-12 P Niven
4 0- KANONA 49 Mrs A Swinbank 4-10-12 Mr Chris Wilson
5 0/0 MORCAT 7 G Kelly 6-10-12 Mr C Mulhall
6 3- SUCCOTASH 35 P Makin 4-10-12 M A Fitzgerald
7 TOSKI Lord Huntingdon 4-10-12 N Williamson
8 0- BILL'S JOY 80 N Smith 4-10-7 Mr M Rodda
9 5- CARLY-J 16 S Bowring 4-10-7 T Eley (3)
10 0-0 MINNIE THE MINX 7 D C Tucker 4-10-7 M Griffiths (7)
11 PASJA S Gollings 4-10-7 R Dunwoody
12 POPLIN J Wharton 4-10-7 A P McCoy
13 84- RESTATE 42 F Murphy 4-10-7 D Gallagher
14 TROUBLE'S BREWING D Brennan 4-10-7 S O'Donnell (7)

2-1 Succotash, 9-4 Toski, 9-2 False Creek, 8-1 Highland Spin, 10-1 Pasja, 12-1 Restate, 14-1 Trouble's Brewing, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J White, 8 winners from 26 runners, 30.8%; Mrs M Reveley, 19 from 63, 30.2%; M Pipe, 10 from 35, 28.6%; J Jefferson, 6 from 22, 27.3%; F Murphy, 5 from 21, 23.8%.

JOCKEYS: N Williamson, 11 winners from 35 rides, 31.4%; P Niven, 20 from 82, 24.4%; G McCourt, 13 from 59, 22%; L Wyer, 18 from 90, 20.0%; L O'Hara, 6 from 30, 20.0%; S McNeill, 4 from 23, 17.4%.

Blinkered first time

BATH: 2.00 Miss Grunted, Smooth Hound, Tapping Feet. 4.10 Eltic Justice, Indefence. LEICESTER: 6.40 Delightful Dancer. LINGFIELD PARK: 7.00 Tiddy Oggie. SANDOWN PARK: 2.55 Danteen, Orchidarma. 4.05 River Keen. WARWICK: 6.50 Blushing Grenadier. 7.50 Caromandoo, Early To Rise, Commander Glen, King's Shilling. 9.20 Silver Academy. YORK: 2.45 Shifting Moon. 4.15 Zamalek. 4.45 Percy Braithwaite.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

6.30 Brave Spy. 7.00 Lord Alfie. 7.30 Supreme Thought. 8.00 Apollono. 8.30 South Eastern Fred. 9.00 Medland.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (TURF COURSE), STANDARD (AW)
DRAW: 6F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

6.30 SECRET PARTNERSHIP MAIDEN STAKES
(All-weather: £3,073: 2m) (7 runners)

1 -533 BRAVE SPY 33 C Cyzer 4-9-10 D Biggs 1
2 2-50 SURE PRIDE 10 A Moore 7-9-10 Candy Morris 4
3 5-60 CAVINA 21 N Graham 5-9-5 M Rimmer 5
4 -663 CHAHAYA TIMOR 40 P Cole 3-9-5 J Quinn 2
5 650- FINLAGGAN 222 Sir Mark Prescott 3-8-0 G Duffield 6
6 4435 MAYDAY KITTY 8 (V) W Turner 3-8-0 T Sprake 3
7 0006 SADLER'S PEARL 7 B Meehan 3-8-0 A Whelan (5) 7

7-4 Chahaya Timor, 11-4 Finlaggan, 3-1 Brave Spy, 6-1 Sadler's Pearl, 7-1 Mayday Kitty, 25-1 Sure Pride, 66-1 Cavina.

7.00 GSP SELLING HANDICAP (£2,870: 7f) (16)

1 -040 FINJAN 44 (D,F,S) A Foster 8-9-13 T Sprake 11
2 0004 DOODIES POOL 12 (C,G) G L Moore 5-9-11 L Suthern (7) 6
3 3200 APOLLO RED 22 (CD,G,S) A Moore 6-9-11 Candy Morris 3
4 4005 ASSIGNMENT 17 (C,D,F,G) J Ffitch-Heyes 9-9-9 G Duffield 1
5 2500 BEWARE OF AGENTS 19 (D,F,S) M Johnston 6-9-9 P Robinson 12
6 4600 SPLASH OF SALT 21 (B,C,F,G) T Naughton 5-9-9 J D Smith (5) 10
7 4202 FOUR OF SPADES 7 (B,C,D,G) W Cunningham 4-9-6 A Clark 15
8 3600 KING PARROT 14 (V,C,G) Lord Huntingdon 7-9-6 A Whelan (5) 9
9 5060 WADERS DREAM 12 (B,F) Pat Mitchell 6-9-5 S O'Gorman 8
10 0605 SANDRA DEE 11 B Pearce 3-9-5 S Whitworth 16
11 0030 TIDDY OGGIE 21 (B,CD,G) N Graham 4-9-4 M Rimmer 4
12 006- LEGEND DULAC 234 (D,F,G,S) J A Harris 6-9-3 P McCabe (5) 13
13 0006 IT'S SO EASY 21 (D,G,S) A James 4-9-0 D Wright (3) 2
14 -000 GLEN MILLER 44 (V,D,F) J Payne 5-9-0 M Tebbutt 14
15 -000 LORD ALFIE 12 (B,D,F,G) B Meehan 6-9-0 J Quinn 5
16 000/ AIN'TLIFELIKETHAT 683 (CD,F,G,S) T Naughton 8-9-0 G Bardwell 7

3-1 Four Of Spades, 5-1 Legend Dulac, 6-1 Doodies Pool, 7-1 Finjan, 10-1 Apollo Red, King Parrot, 12-1 others.

7.30 LURCHER MAIDEN STAKES (£4,341: 6f) (13)

1 0- SAFETY FACTOR 315 G Harwood 4-9-6 A Clark 4
2 0 SALTANDO 28 Pat Mitchell 4-9-6 S O'Gorman 5
3 03 TRY-HAITAI 11 R Akehurst 4-9-6 S Sanders (3) 6
4 00 BERGHOLT 21 G L Moore 3-8-12 S Whitworth 13
5 2-0 DANCING SIOUX 14 R Williams 3-8-12 G Duffield 5
6 00- KHATIM 249 H Thomson Jones 3-8-12 M Tebbutt 3
7 MARWELL INDIGO J Toller 3-8-12 W Newnes 2
8 MIZAG C Benstead 3-8-12 D Biggs 11
9 3-32 ALLYANA 11 I Balding 3-8-7 Paul Eddery 1
10 5 GLORIOUS ARAGON 53 R Johnson Houghton 3-8-7 A McGlone 10
11 PENNY DIP R Johnson Houghton 3-8-7 J Quinn 12
12 4-2 SUPREME THOUGHT 14 L Cottrell 3-8-7 P Robinson 9
13 03- VAVONA 258 L Holt 3-8-7 N Adams 7

11-4 Supreme Thought, 3-1 Allyana, 7-2 Vavona, 7-1 Try-Haitai, 8-1 Penny Dip, 10-1 Marwell Indigo, Glorious Aragon, 12-1 others.

8.00 BONUSPOST HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £4,037: 7f) (8)

1 2-20 MUGHTARAK 14 (BF,G) C Benstead 9-7 G Duffield 1
2 3-05 ANAM 14 P Walwyn 9-1 B Thomson 6
3 331 COURAGEOUS DANCER 11 (G) S Hanbury 8-12 M Rimmer 7
4 1-06 LANDLORD 35 (D,F) J Toller 9-11 W Newnes 3
5 00-0 LINGER 44 (S) Lord Huntingdon 8-7 A Whelan (5) 2
6 2-10 APOLLONO 19 (BF) R Akehurst 8-2 S Sanders (3) 5
7 6630 ALLEGRE 18 L Holt 7-10 N Adams 4
8 00-0 TIRLIE 72 J Payne 7-7 D Wright (3) 8

5-2 Mughtarak, 11-4 Anam, 7-2 Courageous Dancer, 4-1 Apollono, 5-1 Landlord, 12-1 others.

8.30 LORDSWOOD LITHO PRINTING HANDICAP
(£3,331: 1m 2f) (10)

1 0-00 TRIPLE TIE 49 (C,S) M Blanshard 4-10-0 Stephen Davies 6
2 3060 DYNAMIS 105 K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-8 S Whitworth 7
3 1445 SOUTH EASTERN FRED 10 (CD,F,G) H Collingridge 4-9-6 M Rimmer 4
4 -514 PLINTH 17 (V,CD,BF,F,G) N Graham 4-9-3 Paul Eddery 2
5 1200 BAG OF TRICKS 14 (C,D,G) S Dow 5-9-2 G Duffield 3
6 0-56 HARVEY WHITE 21 J Pearce 3-8-6 G Bardwell 10
7 3333 ROCKSTINE 130 (CD,BF,G) P Mitchell 4-8-1 D Wright (3) 5
8 0-00 ANISTOP 12 R Akehurst 3-8-0 S Sanders (3) 8
9 00-2 KATIE'S KID 7 M Ahern 5-7-8 C Adamson (7) 1
10 -000 PRINCESSE ABIGAIL 10 (B) R Flower 4-7-7 N Adams 9

9-4 Plinth, 4-1 South Eastern Fred, 6-1 Katie's Kid, Harvey White, 8-1 Bag Of Tricks, Rockstine, 10-1 Anistop, 12-1 others.

9.00 RETRIEVER LIMITED STAKES
(All-weather: £2,821: 1m) (7)

1 0010 KINGCHIP BOY 6 (V,CD,F,G) M Ryan 6-9-9 A Clark 4
2 3053 MEDLAND 7 (CD,F,G) B McMahon 5-9-9 R Mooney (7) 5
3 0200 THE LITTLE FERRET 11 (D,F) G L Moore 5-9-7 L Suthern (7) 2
4 4050 WORDS OF WISDOM 9 (CD,G) C Cyzer 5-9-? D Biggs 1
5 0000 PAT POINDESTRES 54 (C,G) B Pearce 5-9-2 S Whitworth 3
6 5000 WATER HAZARD 14 (C,G) S Dow 3-9-1 Stephen Davies 7
7 21-3 MUSIC MAKER 38 (D,G) M Prescott 3-8-6 G Duffield 6

9-4 Music Maker, 4-1 Words Of Wisdom, 9-2 The Little Ferret, 5-1 Kingchip Boy, Water Hazard, 7-1 Medland, 65-1 Pat Poindestres.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Thomson Jones, 7 winners from 21 runners, 33.3%; S Hanbury, 7 from 54, 20.6%; Lord Huntingdon, 39 from 193, 20.3%; M Prescott, 23 from 115, 20%; P Cole, 33 from 181, 18.2%; N Graham, 8 from 46, 17.4%.

JOCKEYS: L Suthern, 7 winners from 25 rides, 28.0%; M Rimmer, 8 from 48, 16.7%; G Duffield, 29 from 197, 14.7%; P McCabe, 10 from 77, 13.0%; Stephen Davies, 23 from 186, 12.4%; S Whitworth, 20 from 163, 12.3%.

□ Joe Naughton's Hever Golf Rose (Jason Weaver) and the Mick Channon-trained Katya (Richard Hughes) tackle the listed £9,876 Suchard-Sprint-Cup (7f) at Bremen tomorrow.

WARWICK

THUNDERER

6.50 Chairmans Choice. 7.20 Evidence In Chief. 7.50 Valiant Toski. 8.20 Dawlah. 8.50 Vindaloo. 9.20 Purple Fling.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

6.50 FERNDALE APPRENTICES HANDICAP
(£2,669: 7f) (14 runners)

1 -120 CORAPURA 28 (G) P Cole 3-9-10 David O'Neill (10) 8
2 0035 MR CUBE 5 (V,F,G) J Bradley 5-9-3 R Waterfield (7) 14
3 -000 LEGUARD EXPRESS 21 (B,CD,F) O O'Neill 7-9-2 A Eddery (3) 10
4 0-20 LIFE'S TOO SHORT 10 J Banks 4-9-1 G Milligan (3) 1
5 6352 CADDY'S FIRST 7 S Mellor 3-8-13 A Daly 4
6 5362 CHAIRMANS CHOICE 16 (G) A Jarvis 5-8-12 S Lanigan 9
7 6022 ASTERIX 2 (V,D,F,G) J Bradley 7-8-12 P Fessey 3
8 -004 BLUSHING GRENADIER 17 (B) M F Godley 3-8-9 Dane O'Neill 12
9 0-06 RINUS MANOR 10 D McCain 4-8-8 C Lowther (5) 7
10 6055 RESPECTABLE JONES 16 (B,C,D,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 9-8-8 F Lynch (10) 13
11 0530 REED MY LIPS 11 B Baugh 4-8-3 Iona Wands (3) 11
12 -000 CHRISTIAN WARRIOR 2 R Peacock 6-7-12 B Mitchell 6
13 0000 BRIGADORE GOLD 15 (B,D,G) F Lee 5-7-7 Jo Hunnam (5) 2
14 00 RADIO CAROLINE 15 (B,G) M Tate 7-7-7 T Thomas (7) 5

4-1 Asterix, 5-1 Mr Cube, 5-1 Corapura, 7-1 Blushing Grenadier, 8-1 Chairmans Choice, 10-1 Rinus Manor, Leguard Express, 12-1 others.

7.20 LAMMAS FIELD MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,048: 7f) (11)

1 03 ANSHAN'S DEITY 10 C Fairhurst 8-7 T Williams 3
2 ATLANTIC MIST B Millman 8-7 R Perham 11
3 CRY BABY F Jordan 8-7 C Scally (7) 2
4 WILFULL LAD M Meade 8-7 V Slattery 5
5 0 COMPENSATE 56 M Haynes 8-2 F Norton 6
6 35 CRIMSON AND CLOVER 44 M Bell 8-2 M Fenton 4
7 DARK ROBE F Emery 8-2 P Fessey (7) 7
8 55 EVIDENCE IN CHIEF 10 (BF) P Cole 8-2 C Rutter 10
9 4 SIMPLY SILLY 19 R Thompson 8-2 L Newton (5) 1
10 0043 SOUND CHECK 10 B Meehan 8-2 B Doyle 8
11 INFANTRY DANCER G Balding 7-13 N Varley (5) 9

5-1 Sound Check, 7-2 Evidence In Chief, 5-1 Crimson And Clover, 7-1 Anshan's Deity, 8-1 Dark Robe, Simply Silly, 10-1 Infantry Dancer, 12-1 others.

7.50 ASHORNE SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,243: 1m 4f 115yd) (13)

1 10-0 KING'S SHILLING 6J (V,F,G) H Oliver 8-10-0 A Eddery (7) 6
2 0 CAROMANDOO 592J (V,F,G) A Barrow 7-9-9 B Powell 9
3 00-0 SUPREME STAR 12 (F) P Hedger 4-9-8 N Varley (5) 5
4 6540 SOBA GUEST 15 (F,G,S) R Juckes 6-9-8 M Fenton 3
5 5400 REGAL PURSUIT 26 (V) C Horgan 4-9-7 T Williams 1
6 0-30 KISMETIM 119 (D,G) F Jordan 5-9-7 R Havlin (7) 2
7 205 RUBADUB 11 J Bradley 4-9-6 S Drowne (5) 4
8 030- VALIANT TOSKI 246 M Pipe 4-9-5 B Doyle 11
9 400 CLASSICAL STAR 15 R Hodges 6-9-2 Amanda Sanders (7) 10
10 6505 PERSIAN BUD 33J (D,G) J Bosley 7-9-1 C Rutter 12
11 -30 COURSE FISHING 15 B McMahon 4-9-0 F Norton 8
12 0-30 COMMANDER GLEN 21 (B) M Meade 3-9-0 V Slattery 13
13 530- EARLY TO RISE 7J (B,D,G) Miss L Siddall 5-8-9 D Harrison 7

4-1 Persian Bud, 5-1 King's Shilling, 6-1 Rubadub, 7-1 Regal Pursuit, 8-1 Valiant Toski, 10-1 Soba Guest, Supreme Star, 14-1 others.

8.20 WARWICK OAKS CONDITIONS STAKES
(Fillies and mares: £5,103: 1m 2f 169yd) (5)

1 0-04 ADOLESCENCE 7 (G) K McAuliffe 5-9-3 M Fenton 4
2 0-42 WATCH THE CLOCK 31 (F) D Loder 3-8-11 Pat Eddery 3
3 -221 DAWLAH 19 (G) H Thomson Jones 3-8-7 R Hills 1
4 3-1 ELLIE ARDENSKY 27 (G) J Fanshawe 3-8-7 D Harrison 5
5 3-53 PEARL VENTURE 14 (F) S Woods 3-8-7 B Doyle 2

6-4 Watch The Clock, 5-2 Dawlah, 9-2 Ellie Ardensky, 7-1 Pearl Venture, 8-1 Adolescence.

8.50 SYD MERCER HANDICAP
(£3,969: 1m 2f 169yd) (9)

1 -602 UNPREJUDICE 9 (F) G Harwood 4-9-10 R Hills 4
2 -065 SCOTTISH BAMBI 10 (CD,F,G) R Hannon 7-9-5 R Perham 8
3 -131 REPORTED 15 (F,G,S) B Pearce 6-9-2 Pat Eddery 5
4 0013 YUBRALEE 6 (BF,G) M Pipe 3-9-1 D Harrison 9
5 -420 FEARLESS VENTURE 18 S Woods 3-8-11 C Webb (7) 2
6 -404 TAAHHUB 15J (G) R Price 5-8-5 M Fenton 7
7 5-40 THROWER 5 W Brisbourne 4-8-4 Martin Dwyer (7) 6
8 6111 VINDALOO 5 (F,G,S) J L Harris 3-8-0 P Fessey (7) 3
9 01-0 OUR BAIRN 147 (S) R Thompson 3-7-11 L Newton (5) 1

5-2 Vindaloo, 7-2 Yubralee, 4-1 Unprejudice, 7-1 Scottish Bambi, Taahhub, 8-1 Reported, 10-1 others.

9.20 HENLEY IN ARDEN LIMITED STAKES
(£3,455: 5f) (6)

1 0612 SO INTREPID 10 (D,BF,G,S) J Bradley 5-9-7 S Drowne (5) 3
2 0-55 PURPLE FLING 17 (F,G) M Prescott 4-9-4 Pat Eddery 4
3 3301 SUPERBIT 15 (D,G) B McMahon 3-9-0 F Norton 5
4 300- ELBURG MAY 249 (D,F) H Whitaker 4-8-13 A Culhane 1
5 3-00 SILVER ACADEMY 30 (V) Miss C Hoffesay 3-8-11 Dane O'Neill (7) 6
6 0300 ENDLESS WAVE 33 (CD,S) M Bell 3-8-6 M Fenton 2

7-4 So Intrepid, 3-4 Purple Fling, 4-1 Superbit, 7-1 Endless Wave, 8-1 Silver Academy, 10-1 Elburg May.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 3 winners from 4 runners, 75%; K Ivory, 7 from 35, 20.0%; M Pipe, 7 from 39, 17.9%; P Cole, 13 from 76, 17.1%; M Bell, 7 from 42, 16.7%; J Fanshawe, 3 from 23, 13.0%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 14 winners from 52 rides, 26.9%; R Hills, 5 from 35, 14.3%; F Norton, 6 from 53, 11.3%. Only qualifiers.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Brighton (first race, 2.20), Edinburgh (1.45), Pontefract (6.45), Windsor (6.30). TUESDAY: Royal Ascot (BBC, 2.30), Thirsk (2.15). WEDNESDAY: Royal Ascot (BBC, 2.30), Nottingham (6.30), Ripon (2.15), Worcester (6.45). THURSDAY: Royal Ascot (BBC, 2.30), Ripon (7.00), Southwell (AW, 2.15), Stratford (6.45). FRIDAY: Royal Ascot (BBC, 2.30), Ayr (2.20), Goodwood (6.40), Newmarket (6.50), Redcar (2.10). SATURDAY: Ascot (2.00), Ayr (2.15), Lingfield Park (Turf and AW, 6.35), Redcar (1.50), Southwell (1.55), Wolverhampton (AW, 7.00).

Flat meetings in bold

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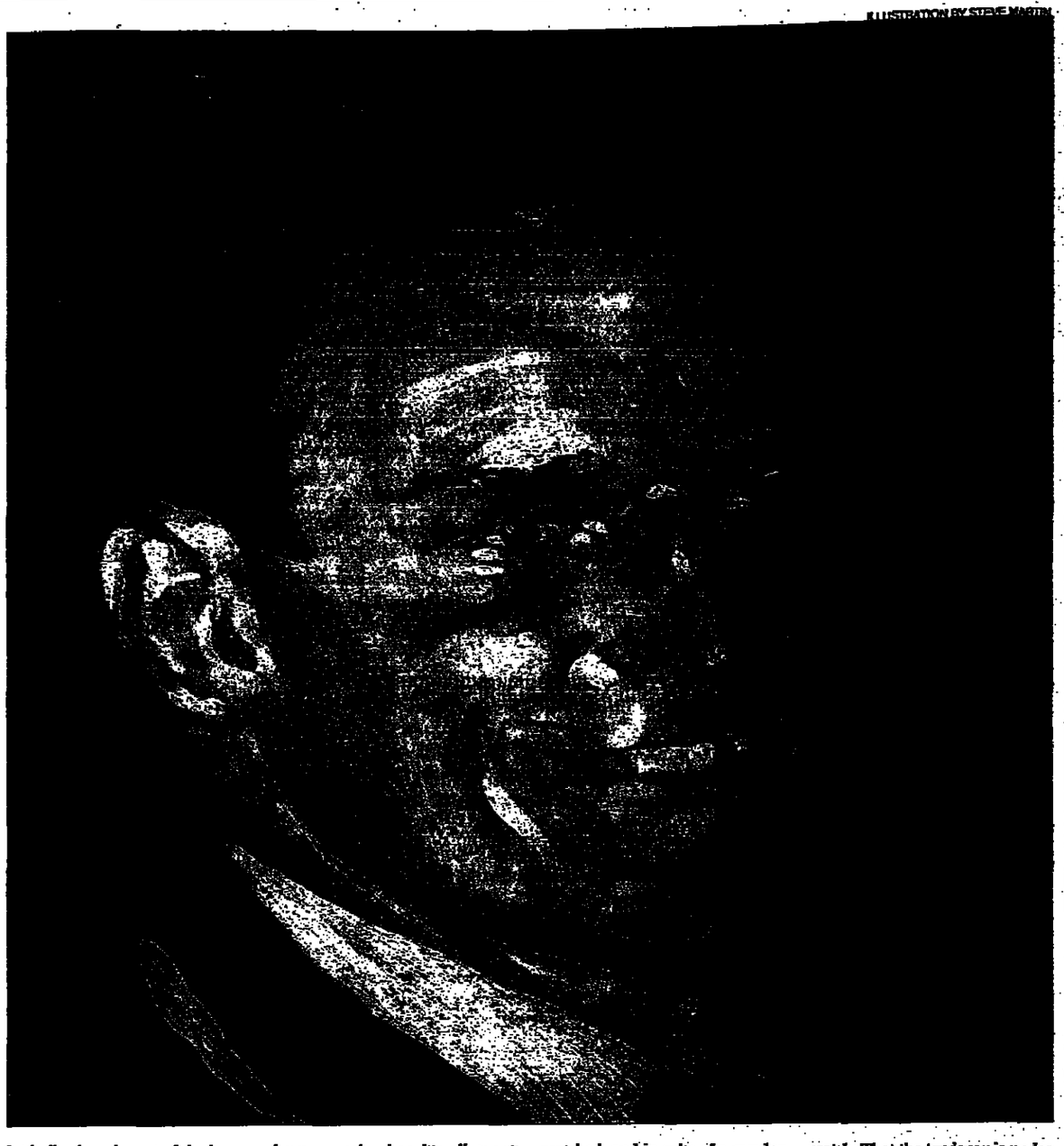


HOW TO BOOK

A full list of events was printed in Tuesday's newspaper. To book your 20p tickets, collect four tokens from those appearing in *The Times* every day until Monday and telephone the number given for the venue. When you buy one ticket at the full price you will receive a second for 20p.

Saturday portrait: Francois Pienaar, by David Miller

Face of South Africa carries with pride the hopes of a nation


ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE MARTIN

Earlier this week, the South Africa rugby squad went to the Civic Theatre in Johannesburg to see *Heeling Against the Head*, a knockabout farce concerning two provincial ruggerbuggers who come to town and get into scrapes before, eventually, arriving at Ellis Park. With the domestic public raising the World Cup to the level of a lunar expedition, the players need all the relief that they can find.

At the final curtain, Francois Pienaar, the blond South Africa captain, whose broad Afrikaner face is, these days, perhaps more familiar than Nelson Mandela's, was invited onstage. Bill Flynn, the lead and a renowned comic actor, addressed the audience. Talking of the emotional national support behind the team for the semi-final today against France in Durban, Flynn was momentarily overcome and reduced to tears.

Returning to his seat, Pienaar shook his head and said to Morné du Plessis, the team manager and famous former captain: "The pressure on us really is becoming scary."

Before the tournament began, Pienaar was asked how he was handling the obsessive national interest. Remember, this is the man who was appointed captain, at 26, in 1993 on his first appearance and who was gouged by incessant criticism during South Africa's uneasy reformation period, when he led losing tours to Australia and New Zealand.

"I just tried to concentrate on captaining a rugby team," Pienaar said. "If I allowed the national expectation to get to me, I'm not sure I could cope." Either way, he has emerged as the most impressive captain in this tournament.

Bob Dwyer, the Australia coach, has called Pienaar "the most destructive loose forward in rugby". His special skill is to hit hard and fast in the tackle and to loosen the ball for the rest of the pack. His courage is a byword. Yet the physically ferocious flanker carries an astute tactical brain. He is the mouthpiece of Kitch Christie, the South Africa coach.

Because the detail is personal, the story has yet to be fully told, but Pienaar is said to have made an unusual half-time talk when South Africa were neck and neck in the opening match with Australia. It was aimed at one or two specific team-mates.

Before the whistle, Christie had been asked if he wished to send a message down to Pienaar from the grandstand. "No, he knows what to do," Christie had answered. Du Plessis recalls that the talk was unconventional, emotional and characteristic of the man — "And it worked."

In some ways, Pienaar, more than Mandela, is the face of South Africa. Mandela represents the ancient roots of persecuted Black Africa. Pienaar is of the new generation, of the metamorphosis from the former discredited Whites. His is the face of future hope and ambition.

> 'His special skill is to hit hard and fast in the tackle and to loosen the ball for the rest'

Pienaar was born the youngest of four brothers near the industrial town of Witbank, an hour or so east of Johannesburg, and of working-class parents. His formative years, at Witbank Patriot School and Rand Afrikaans University, in Johannesburg, studying law, occurred simultaneously with the agonising moral transformation of a great nation.

"He talks the new creed not just with words but with his heart: he doesn't carry the scars we do," du Plessis said. "He is in tune with the new South Africa, and will reprimand players who are unsympathetic. "When Pienaar looks at Chester Williams, he sees a brilliant rugby wing, not a black man. It really is close to purity."

Pienaar first met Mandela early last year. It had been a lifetime ambition. "He told me about Robben Island and his experience there, and asked me about rugby, of which he knows a lot," he said. "He's very excited about the World Cup. "I never thought I should be a Springbok, because we were so isolated for so long. We should never forget that Mr Mandela and Mr de Klerk brought South Africa back into the world, hand in hand."

Leadership is spontaneous, not taught. Mandela and Pienaar, both with law degrees, have it. Pienaar has the same self-possessed confidence of the nation's new president, equally without it being overbearing. At university, his nickname was "Ek", Afrikaans for "I". A bachelor and businessman, he wears trendy clothes and drives a jazzy sports car, but, as rugby captain, he was quick to insist that his team learn by heart, and sing, the new national anthem, *Nkosi Sikeleli Afrika* (God bless Africa) alongside the traditional *Die Stem* (The Voice).

"It had become a matter of pride," he said, "to know and sing it as it is meant to be sung, in the national tongue of Xhosa. It's important, because we represent the new South Africa, and there is no racism in our rugby."

When there were accusations, after the quarter-final against Western Samoa, that there had been racist comments by certain South Africa players towards the Samoans, Pienaar was indignant and emphatic in his denial.

By all accounts, Pienaar has swings of mood, something that he has had to learn to control. His moods can drag him down and, such is his leadership, he takes the team with him.

His other weakness is a vulnerability to injury. He has had concussion more than once, including a bout that provoked an epileptic fit. He was knocked out when Transvaal won the Currie Cup in 1993, for the first time in more than 50 years; and, after another blow in New Zealand, he temporarily took to wearing a headguard, before abandoning it because he could not hear.

His forehead is testimony to his bravery, as scarred as a parking lot bollard; and most of the bones of his upper body have been fractured.

The critics say that one of his first toys must have been a microphone. He is an easy communicator and that steely thin mouth is seldom long without a smile and curves upwards towards those deep blue eyes. When asked for an interview this week, the pressures obliged him to say no, though he added: "You can have a week when it's all over." It was in some awe that he succeeded Naas Botha as captain; a 20-20 draw against France being the result on his debut, at Durban. "It was a frightful experience," he said. "I ran onto the field scared, not wanting to disappoint as a player, frightened not to make the right decisions."

In spite of being appointed at a time when outdated South African rugby was internationally overmatched, and in spite of a regular stream of national dissatisfaction, he has more than held his ground. The team has steadily prospered and his unquestioned contribution was reflected in his nomination, in *International Rugby Review '94*, the Australian publication, as captain of a World XV.

Pienaar had thought the proclivity for violence had been mastered and was embarrassed by the punch-up with Canada in the pool match. That the tendency is under control again was seen from the refusal to be provoked by disgraceful Samoan tackles. Now, there are only two matches to go.

"We *must* get to the final, because of home advantage," Pienaar said. "The public will say that anything less is a disaster, even though they never gave us a chance beforehand; but we must be graceful in defeat." Few think that likely to happen today.

Classic confrontation in prospect as old rivals duel for WBO title

Defence puts heavy burden on Bowe

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT
IN LAS VEGAS

THANKS to the perverse world of boxing, the paying customers will see two of the four best heavyweights in a world championship bout at the MGM Grand Garden here today.

As a result of the three leading governing bodies not ranking Riddick Bowe, the world's best heavyweight, in their lists, thereby drastically cutting down his options, Bowe has been forced to defend his World Boxing Organisation title against Jorge Luis Gonzalez, a Cuban exile, a man best avoided. It is like the Wimbledon seedings being turned upside down and the final match being played on the first day.

Bowe and Gonzalez are the biggest men to have come together in a world championship — Bowe 6ft 5in and 243lb, Gonzalez 6ft 7in and 237lb — and you have to go back to Larry Holmes's bout with Gerry Cooney, in 1992, to find such an exciting match, at least on paper.

Since his defection in Finland, in 1991, Gonzalez has won all of his 23 contests, 22 of them ending inside the distance. His opponents have not been of the highest quality and Gonzalez has never looked impressive against them, but that is because he did not need to exert himself. Yet he remains a most dangerous opponent.

Gonzalez was the best amateur heavyweight in the Eighties, beating the great Teofilo Stevenson, Bowe and Lennox Lewis, flooring the last two, Bowe four times.

He has never let Bowe forget that defeat. Indeed, in the process of reminding him over the years, their meetings have become more and more objectionable.

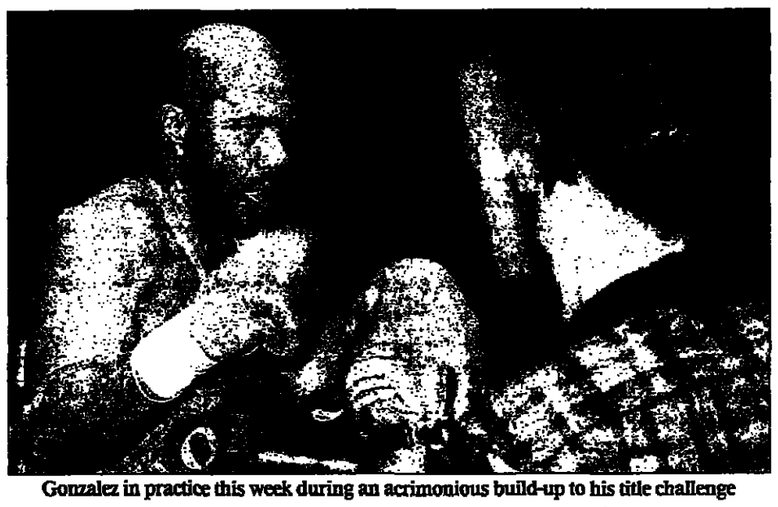
Gonzalez is reported to have said that he would make Bowe's pregnant wife a widow before the child is born. Eddie Futch, 83, Bowe's trainer,said: "I'm saddened by the things that have happened and the slanderous things that have been said in an attempt to promote the fight." Bowe, however, retorted: "Gonzalez says he's a lion and he's going up against a hyena. The hyena always gets the last laugh."

After a series of violent confrontations, the Nevada State Athletic Commission decided that the two could not meet in public before the bout. Mark Radner, its executive director, said that each would be fined $250,000 if they defied the commission's order.

MGM Grand was told that it would be responsible for any disturbances that might be caused by the two volatile camps. Needless to say, the two have stayed apart, but that has not prevented obscenities from being exchanged across an imaginary dividing line.

So to the boxing. Bowe is the favourite because, as a professional, he is vastly improved technically from when Gonzalez beat him. Gonzalez, on the other hand, is still very much an amateur, training himself, and relying, mainly, on the jab and working for the last 30 seconds of each round.

Futch said that Bowe would not give Gonzalez room to use his long punches. While the strategy seems sound, Bowe has been increasingly easy to hit, in his past three contests, with the right hand. If the Cuban giant succeeds in catching Bowe with the same punch that beat him as an amateur, an upset could be in store.


Gonzalez in practice this week during an acrimonious build-up to his title challenge

Drinks, drives and more besides on field of dreams



SIMON BARNES
On Saturday

What is the finest cricket ground in the country? A grievous and vexatious question. The most important criteria are, surely, an idiosyncratic nature and the absolute proximity of the pub. That makes me wonder if there is a ground in the *world* that can rival Thornton Watlass, in North Yorkshire.

The team plays in the Wensleydale League and the ground is the authentic field of dreams. For a start, a road runs across it and the field of play includes a pub car-park. However, perhaps the finest feature of all is that the front door of the Buck Inn also stands within the boundary. This is a particularly useful attribute if you happen to be fielding at long-off.

Also within the boundary are four trees, a series of wooden posts marking the road and an S-bend sign.

Hitting the pub counts onlyas four; you have to clear it altogether for a six. The same applies to a hedge on the opposite side of the ground. You cannot be out caught if you hit one of the trees first.

John Bell, the club secretary, said: "If the ball lands in a tree, players continue running until the fielder declares a lost ball. We don't often mention this to newcomers. When a car comes through the pitch, we usually stop play." I like the "usually"; it shows considerable style.

Having a brawl

You can ask for trouble, or you can go down on your knees and beg for it. So, if you happen to work in baseball, and you promote something called a Strike Out Domestic Violence Night, there is only one thing that can happen. It did, when Durham Bulls met Winston-Salem Warthogs last week. The inevitable brawl lasted 30 minutes.

Sports Illustrated, the American magazine, collected some of baseball history's other promotions from hell, including:

■ Ladies Day, 1897: parasol-wielding women stormed the field and hurled bricks at match officials;

■ Hot Pants Night, 1971: free tickets for women who paraded on the field in hot pants. They expected 500 and got 5,000;

■ Reggie Bar Day, 1978: free chocolate bars all round: 40,000 fans flung the bars onto the field when Reggie Jackson hit a home run;

■ Disco Demolition Night, 1979: a stunt for blowing up disliked disco records on the field which led to a mass pitch invasion, riot and fire.

Losing record

The commiserations of this column go to Gussie Mae,



who missed, by a single race, the chance to become what Americans call "the losingest horse in thoroughbred history". This month, at Atlantic City, over seven furlongs, Gussie Mae, after five years and just 85 previous races, finally won a race. He led from start to finish, in fact.

As a result, he only ties for the longest losing streak in history, sharing the record with a horse called Really A Tenor. Defeat at Atlantic City would have given him the record alone. His owner, who is called, I promise you, Kandace Affa, said: "We've waited a long time. I'm relieved it's over, and also very happy."

Ultimate Babe

They have put up a statue to Babe Ruth at Baltimore's new stadium, built on the site of a tavern formerly kept by Babe's father. This is all splendid and appropriately enormous; it is 9ft high.

Experts were consulted at every stage of production, baseball people being serious about detail. Even the size of Babe's belt-loops had to be properly vetted.

The statue, then, is utterly authentic — except for the fact that Ruth is portrayed as a right-hander. His fielding glove is on the wrong hand.

All out of love

Gazza was supposed to be the man that the Lazio supporters truly loved. Yet, when it was announced that he was leaving the club, there was no great popular reaction; certainly nothing to compare with that which followed the news of the proposed departure of Giuseppi Signori.

A spontaneous demonstration of 1,000 supporters marched through Rome, swelling to 3,000 as they made their way through the Piazza del Popolo and then along the Via Sistina, smashing the odd window as they went. At the end of it all, Sergio Cragnotii, the Lazio owner, announced brokenly: "I'm leaving. I'm giving up. I'm puting Lazio on the market." In fact, he relented, and Signori stayed.

Walter Zenga, the Sampdoria goalkeeper, summed up: "There is no room in our country, with our mentality, for people of Gazza's type. That is why he went. We are innovative and revolutionary only in words. Then, when it comes to facts, we massacre any one who steps out of line. It happened to me, years ago. Gazza was too much himself. No one forgave him."

Regan sure to set hectic pace

BY DANIEL BARRETT

ROBBIE REGAN, of Wales, will need to produce a performance of rare quality if he is to wrest the World Boxing Organisation flyweight title from Alberto Jimenez, the powerful Mexican, in their contest at the National Ice Rink in Cardiff tonight.

Regan, 27, the former British and European champion who is a clever boxer and who has the aggression to trade punches toe-to-toe when the need arises, has suffered only one loss in his 19 contests, and that was on cuts against the talented Francis Ampofo, a defeat that Regan avenged.

Jimenez's record of three defeats in 33 contests, 24 of which were won by knockouts, may flatter him, for a number of the earlier victories came against journeymen. There was, however, no mistaking the punching power that he displayed when stopping Jacob Matlala, the former champion, in the eighth round of their title contest in Pretoria in February.

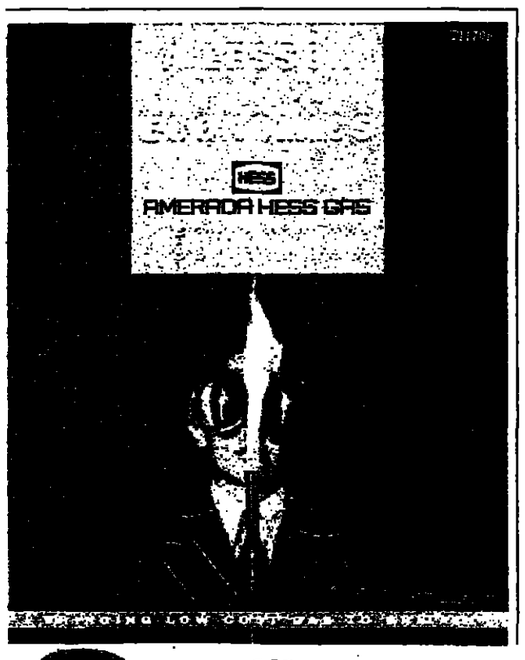
If there is one doubt over Jimenez, it is his ability to stay the distance convincingly in a contest fought at pace. Marcellus Johnson, of the United States, presented just such a problem when he outpointed the flagging Mexican two years ago. Dai Gardiner, Regan's manager, hinted that his charge might employ similar tactics when he said: "Robbie is quick, very quick. I think he'll surprise Jimenez."

Regan has claimed that he is "even hungrier for success" at world level, having waited two years for a title challenge after injuries and postponements thwarted previous attempts.

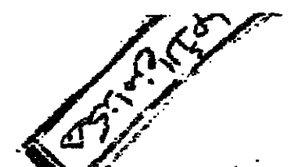
The Welshman was stripped of his European title for failing to make a defence within the time stipulated by the European Boxing Union. He preferred to set his sights on the world title.

"It's been frustrating having to wait so long," he said. "Now I've finally got my chance, I'm not going to let it slip." Regan had been due to meet Matlala, only for the bout to fall through.

Having finally secured that opportunity, in front of his own crowd through the efforts of Frank Warren, the promoter, the plucky Welshman will certainly not be found lacking in heart. That may not, however, prove quite sufficient.









South Africa take tactical gamble

France's seasoned travellers seek out final frontier

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, IN JOHANNESBURG

E four weeks long enough France to find the ability to t South Africa and cast a ıd over the rainbow na- ı? In a similar time-frame, y have done so here before, 1993, and in New Zealand year. Frenchmen now ue, with some justification, t they play their finest ıby on tour rather than at ne.

t is all, they argue, a estion of preparation. ıereas in France they go ck to what Laurent bannes, the open-side ıker, describes as a "mosaic clubs", of different strengths ıd fitness requirements, and me together only three days fore a five nations' champ- nship match, on tour, or re in a World Cup, each ayer achieves the same ysical and mental levels hich, on a given day, will at any opponent.

But South Africa, in Dur- an, today, before 50,000 sup- orters who expect, nay emand, that their country aches the final? Why not? In 87, in Sydney, France de- royed the expectation of a ation by beating Australia in World Cup semi-final that emains an enduring memo- . In 14 internationals played South Africa before the Vorld Cup, France have won our and forced four draws — vo of them in Durban.

Whether they win, however, ill depend on the back row- alf back link fractured — terally — by injuries to hilippe Benetton and Guy ıccoceberry against Scotland nd on the ability of Chris- ophe Deylaud, at stand-off half, to recapture some consistency.

In the quarter-final last weekend, Ireland were not strong enough to expose any deficiencies in that area, but South Africa, led by Joost van der Westhuizen and Ruben Kruger, Northern Transvaalers, will certainly try to do so.

"We think the Durban crowd can carry us through this one," Morné du Plessis, the manager, said. "They really have a cause to shout for." They also have Mark Andrews and André Joubert — players who will need all the support that they can get. Both Natal men, Andrews must adapt with all celerity to the game played at No 8, rather than at lock, in the most controversial tactical switch so far made in this tournament, while Joubert risks his damaged hand at full back.

Du Plessis insisted that he and Kitch Christie, the coach, see Andrews's move as one with potential evolutionary effects for South Africa. "We have been getting away with three medium-sized men in the back row in our provincial rugby whereas the rest of the world has been going the other way," du Plessis said. "The only other country who has not put so much emphasis on it is New Zealand."

If, however, the experiment is seen to fail — and with it the South Africa team — management heads will sit uneasily on shoulders.

Andrews has also been picked to counter what Christie believes is the best lineout in the tournament, one in which Olivier Merle has become a key figure, far removed from the somewhat statuesque figure of last season, whose fitness was in doubt because he was forced, while qualifying for his new club, to play so much second-team rugby for Montferrand.

Joubert, who underwent an operation to put metal pins in his hand after being injured in the win against Western Samoa, is confident that the injury will not trouble him. "I feel I can play to my full ability," he said yesterday. "I did some tackling in training and was fielding high balls without any problem."

The French, meanwhile, sustained minor injuries in a bruising warm-up match against the Correctional Services Club, in Pretoria. Marc Cécillon damaged a wrist and Thierry Lacroix received a knock on the shoulder against a side featuring five former Northern Transvaal players. Both are expected to be fit.

Durban may not be the most comfortable of places today. The weather is breaking, the wind rising and the goalkickers will not find it easy; but the French familiarised themselves with the characteristics of the King's Park ground against Ireland, when Lacroix kicked 26 points, and they are in just the mood to give Pierre Berbizier, their coach, a 37th birthday present.



Merle: key figure

TODAY'S TEAMS IN DURBAN

SOUTH AFRICA		FRANCE
J Joubert (Natal)	15	J-L Sadourny (Colomiers)
T Small (Natal)	14	E N'Tamack (Toulouse)
C Mulder (Transvaal)	13	P Sella (Agen)
P le Roux (Transvaal)	12	T Lacroix (Dax)
M Williams (Western Province)	11	P Saint-André (Montferrand)
T Stransky (Western Province)	10	C Deylaud (Toulouse)
H van der Westhuizen (N Trans)	9	F Galthié (Colomiers)
du Randt (Orange Free State)	1	L Armary (Lourdes)
L C Rossouw (Transvaal)	2	J-M Gonzales (Bayonne)
Swart (Transvaal)	3	C Califano (Toulouse)
F Pienaar (Transvaal)*	6	A Benazzi (Agen)
J Wiese (Transvaal)	4	O Merle (Montferrand)
J Strydom (Transvaal)	5	O Roumat (Dax)
J Kruger (Northern Transvaal)	7	L Cabannes (Racing)
J G Andrews (Natal)	8	M Cécillon (Bourgoin)

* captain

Referee: W D Bevan (Wales).

REPLACEMENTS: 16 G K Johnson (Transvaal), 17 C P Scholtz (Transvaal), 18 J P Roux (Transvaal), 19 R W Straeuli (Transvaal), 20 G L Pagel (Western Province), 21 A E Drotske (Orange Free State).

REPLACEMENTS: 16 F Mesnel (Racing), 17 Y Delaigue (Toulon), 18 A Hueber (Toulon), 19 A Cigagna (Toulouse), 20 P Gallart (Beziers), 21 L Benezech (Racing).



Chalmers, the Scotland stand-off, tried shirt-tugging in an effort to stop Lomu during the quarter-final. Photograph: Howard Burditt

Lomu looms large in England planning

David Hands points out that the best way to stop the awesome New Zealand wing is to ensure that he does not get the ball

If a vague, dark shadow has haunted Tony Underwood's dreams this week, who could blame him? Jonah Lomu has been haunting wings throughout this World Cup, and, in Cape Town tomorrow, the younger Underwood becomes the latest player to stand in his path when New Zealand step out against England.

Not that Underwood is given to much reflection on the awful task. A few platitudes mask the determination to accept the challenge; a World Cup semi-final is far more than a clash between two individuals, however talented, and to build an opponent into a bogeyman is counter-productive both for Underwood and for the team.

Yet, in three of New Zealand's four matches, Lomu has either been scoring tries himself or creating them for others. What, then, are England to do about this man? The trite answer is to deny him possession. New Zealand may field Superman, cape and all, on their wing, but, if he does not get the ball, he cannot contribute.

Craig Joiner was the last player to have the dubious privilege of marking him, in the quarter-final against Scotland. "I tried to make him go on the outside, but I didn't really know how fast he is," the Melrose wing said. "I was left flat-footed.

"He runs straight at you, seems to slow down and then increases his pace and it's quite deceptive. He's good off the left foot and once went inside, then outside, me. I found the best tackle was to go for his arm first — otherwise he will hand you off — and then try to grab a leg or his shirt, but it's not easy."

Not only does Lomu have thighs like tree trunks, but, when 19st leans into a hand-off at speed, even so strong a player as Gavin Hastings feels the effect. Lomu combines the characteristics of Va'aiga Tuigamala and John Kirwan, two previous New Zealand wings, only he is bigger and faster than both. He may not have Kirwan's all-round ability, but, as he is only 20, that may come.

Rory Underwood, England's most-capped player, makes the point that the best time to tackle Lomu is just as he receives the ball, before he can get into his stride. "If you have to make a side tackle, you must go below the arm and you can't go higher than the knee because you'll just bounce off," he said.

"The trouble is, he's got such a huge stride, it's difficult to get your arms round both legs, so it's important to put in multiple tackles, as we did with the Lions in New Zealand two years ago. If you make the initial tackle, someone else has to come in quickly and knock him over; but I'm sure that he, on his side, will have been thinking about Tony running at him and, in a one-on-one, I'd put my money on Tony."

If England can play cannily enough to put Lomu off his game, to create uncertainty in his mind, they may reduce his effect. England's primary plan must be to dominate possession as much as possible and, when they do not, to place on the New Zealand midfield the same kind of pressure that they managed against Lynagh, Horan and Little, of Australia.

They can also kick intelligently so as to make Lomu turn. Big men, by necessity, are slightly slower on the turn, but England must avoid the poor kicking of last Sunday, when Will Carling twice surrendered possession to David Campese in space. They must wait until the New Zealand back line is committed, kicking not from Rob Andrew, at stand-off half, when Lomu, Jeff Wilson and Glen Osborne will still be hanging back to cover the kick, but from inside centre.

The modern defensive alignment often operates on a crescent moon formation, in which the wings are ahead of the midfield. If Lomu is keen to close with his man, and then finds the diagonal kick falling behind him, it must create doubt in a mind still coming to terms with international rugby.

Lomu is a raw, untutored force and England must impose on him a game with which he has not, so far in his brief career, had to deal. A New Zealand colleague once asked Lomu how he would tackle himself. He thought about the answer and then replied: "My mum can manage it," betraying a sense of humour which may not be altogether apparent to Tony Underwood.

WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

TODAY

RUGBY UNION

World Cup
Semi-final
France v South Africa
(Durban, 2.0)

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, third day of four, 110 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Somerset
COLWYN BAY: Glamorgan v Middlesex
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Hampshire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire
HORSHAM: Sussex v Surrey
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Lancashire
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Kent
Tetley Bitter Challenge
11.0, first day of three
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v West Indians.
Other match
11.30, second day of three
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Warwickshire

FOOTBALL

Women's World Cup
Third place play-off
China v United States
(Gavle, Sweden, 3.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

International match
American Patriots v Wales
(Philadelphia, 8.0am)

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: World Boxing Organization flyweight championship: A Jimenez (Mex, holder) v R Regan (Wales) (Cardiff).

CYCLING: National time-trial series (third round: 55 kilometres, Birch, Essex, 3.0).

GOLF: Jersey Open (La Moye); British Women's Amateur championship (Royal Portrush); Scottish Amateur stroke-play championship (Paisley and Renfrew).

HOCKEY: Women's European Nations' Cup (Amstelveen, Holland): Pool A: France v Italy (noon); Belgium v Ireland (2.0); England v Germany (4.0).

SPEEDWAY (7.30 unless stated): Premier League: Bradford v Long Eaton; Eastbourne v Belle Vue; Swindon v Peterborough. Speedway Star Knock-out Cup: Second round, first leg: Coventry v King's Lynn, British Academy: Berwick v Exeter (3.0); Buxton v Stirlingbourne. Individual Golden Gremlin: Edinburgh (7.15). Midlands Open junior championship: Cradley Heath.

TENNIS: Stella Artois championship (Queen's Club); DFS Classic women's tournament (Birmingham)

TOMORROW

RUGBY UNION

World Cup
Semi-final
England v New Zealand
(Cape Town, 2.0)

CRICKET

AXA Equity & Law League
2.0, 40 overs
DERBY: Derbyshire v Somerset
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Hampshire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire
LUTON: Northamptonshire v Essex
HORSHAM: Sussex v Surrey
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Lancashire
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Kent
12.45
COLWYN BAY: Glamorgan v Middlesex
Tetley Bitter Challenge
11.0, second day of three
CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v West Indians
Other match
11.30, final day of three
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Warwickshire
BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day) Chelmsford: Essex v Sussex. Uxbridge: Middlesex v Leicestershire. Headingley: Yorkshire v Derbyshire
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Bedford Town: Bedfordshire v Suffolk. Milom: Cumbria v Lincolnshire. Colwall CC: Herefordshire v Berkshire. Radlett: Hertfordshire v Northumberland. Pressed Steel: Oxfordshire v Dorset. Marchwiel: Wales v Wiltshire.

FOOTBALL

Women's World Cup
Final
Germany v Norway
(Stockholm, Sweden, 5.0)

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: British League: First division: Birmingham Bulls v Leeds Cougars, Leicester Panthers v London Amirak Olympians: Milton Keynes Pioneers v Storm Bombardiers.

CYCLING: Isle of Man Week(mountain 37¾m time-trial, 7.30am); Tom Simpson memorial (100 mile road race, Haworth, 10.30)

GOLF: Jersey Open (La Moye): Scottish Amateur stroke-play championship (Paisley and Renfrew)

HOCKEY: Women's European Nations' Cup (Amstelveen, Holland). Pool B: Scotland v Spain (noon); Holland v Czech Republic (2.0); Russia v Sweden (4.0).

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Belle Vue v Oxford (2.30); Glasgow v Exeter (6.30); King's Lynn v Sheffield (6.0). British Academy: Linlingow v Exeter (1.0)

TENNIS: Stella Artois championship (Queen's Club); DFS Classic women's tournament (Birmingham).

Dear Air New Zealand, have you got 15 seats for Sunday night?

(England to win by 6-10pts: 8/1.)

NEW ZEALAND v ENGLAND
Cape Town. Kick-off 2.00 pm tomorrow. Live on ITV.
10/11 NEW ZEALAND 10/11 ENGLAND (+7pts.) 14/1 TIE
Forecast the result with England receiving a 7 point start.

First Tryscorer		Winning Points Margin	
6/1	J. Lomu	4/1	N Zealand win by 1-5 points
9/1	W. Little	7/2	N Zealand win by 6-10 points
9/1	J. Wilson	9/2	N Zealand win by 11-15 points
10/1	T. Underwood	7/1	N Zealand win by 16-20 points
12/1	F. Bunce	4/1	England win by 1-5 points
12/1	R. Underwood	9/1	England win by 6-10 points
12/1	W. Carling	15/1	England win by 11-15 points
16/1	J. Guscott	33/1	England win by 16-20 points

SOUTH AFRICA v FRANCE
Durban. Kick-off 2.00 pm today. Live on ITV.
8/13 SOUTH AFRICA 5/4 FRANCE (+5pts.) 14/1 TIE
Forecast the result with France receiving a 5 point start.

First Tryscorer		Winning Points Margin	
13/2	C. Williams	4/1	S Africa win by 1-5 points
8/1	P St-André	4/1	S Africa win by 6-10 points
10/1	E N'Tamack	5/1	S Africa win by 11-15 points
10/1	J. Small	9/1	S Africa win by 16-20 points
10/1	J. Mulder	4/1	France win by 1-5 points
12/1	T. Lacroix	6/1	France win by 6-10 points
14/1	T. Lacroix	12/1	France win by 11-15 points
14/1	H. Le Roux	28/1	France win by 16-20 points
14/1	J. Westhuizen		

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Northern hemisphere nations preparing to upset World Cup odds

England aim to seize final chance

FROM DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN JOHANNESBURG

THOUGH the possibility may be too awful for the South African public to contemplate, there is a serious chance that two northern hemisphere countries will meet in the final of the rugby union World Cup here on June 24. The bookmakers may take South Africa to beat France in the first semi-final in Durban today and New Zealand to cast England aside in Cape Town tomorrow, but it would be a foolish man who followed their advice to the letter.

In the two previous World Cup finals, northern hemisphere played southern in ideal combinations. New Zealand, at home, beat France in 1987 and England, at home, lost to Australia in 1991. Home advantage cannot be ignored and South Africa will be roared on at King's Park today by the first capacity crowd of the tournament. "The whole of South Africa is with you," an airport attendant told Morné du Plessis, the manager, when the squad passed through the Jan Smuts terminal here recently. When informed that the whole of France was behind South Africa's opponents, the attendant retorted: "Yes, but we are all here." South African Airways have laid on 57 additional flights so that supporters can watch both semi-finals on a weekend which will test the country's logistics to the limit.

Apart from the inspirational opening game of the tournament against the Australians, however, not once have the South Africans been altogether convincing. The same could be said, mind, of the other semi-finalists, with the exception of New Zealand, which should leave the All Blacks as the certainties to reach the final.

Yet they do not cast the same spell as they did in the 1991 tournament, when a tentative England lost to them 18-12 in the opening match. Seven members of that England side remain here, against four of New Zealand's, and it does not matter which of the Englishmen you speak to, they ooze determination. Ten of the team shared in the victory achieved by the British Isles in Wellington in the summer of 1993 and 11 in England's win that autumn in Twickenham.

Of the England XV tomorrow, only Mike Catt has not known the joy of victory over New Zealand which, of itself, means nothing, yet it can be clutched like a comforter in private. Dewi Morris has not played better at scrum half than he did in Wellington and he will be a significant figure at Newlands because of the man he marks, Graeme Bachop.

Everyone here has enthused, quite justifiably, over the form of the young New Zealand stand-off half, Andrew Mehrtens. By and large Bachop has been overlooked, yet he is the man New Zealand have returned to at scrum half after examining the qualities of Ant Strachan, Jon Preston and Stu Forster. Bachop, 28 last week, has seldom been the popular selection in New Zealand but his vision and the speed of his unlovely pass are key factors in the style of rugby the All Blacks have played this year.

Just as England made a legitimate target of George Gregan when they beat Australia a week ago, so they must cut down Bachop's space and slow the service to the exciting New Zealand backs. Nobody in this tournament has yet been able to do so but if the ground, swept by rain for much of this week, remains soft then England will find they have an ally.

They trained yesterday in private at the Wits Technicon ground here in biting cold conditions more reminiscent of a British winter. The session taken by Will Carling, the captain, was as sharp as any on the tour, according to Jack Rowell, the manager, with the only proviso the hope that the tension of the occasion would not weigh too heavily.

"We are not backing down from challenges, that's why we are here," Tony Underwood, the wing who must face the 19st Tongan-born Jonah Lomu, said for his colleagues. The players are also very aware of the growing support for their cause in Britain though in that respect, being isolated from the clamour, they are probably better off than the South Africans, who must read every day of the immense value attached to success by their own public.

Nobody need expect a significant change in style from England. Just as they did against Australia, they will seek to get in behind their opponents, recycle and drive the ball. Low error rate and high tackle count will be the key phrases. Rob Andrew, England's record points-scorer and match-winner against Australia, and appointed an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours, knows the physical battering that awaits. Every New Zealand team down the years has focused on the key players in the opposition and tested their concentration to the limit yet Andrew, playing his 69th match for England, keeps coming back for more. If Mehrtens aspires to international longevity, he need look no further than the man opposite him.



Andrew and Carling warm to the task of facing New Zealand in the World Cup semi-final during training in Johannesburg yesterday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

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TOMORROW'S TEAMS IN CAPE TOWN

ENGLAND		NEW ZEALAND
M J Catt (Bath)	15	G M Osborne (North Harbour)
T Underwood (Leicester)	14	J W Wilson (Otago)
W D C Carling (Harlequins) *	13	F E Bunce (North Harbour)
J C Guscott (Bath)	12	W K Little (North Harbour)
R Underwood (Leicester/RAF)	11	J T Lomu (Counties)
C R Andrew (Wasps)	10	A Mehrtens (Canterbury)
C D Morris (Orrell)	9	G T M Bachop (Canterbury)
J Leonard (Harlequins)	1	C Dowd (Auckland)
B C Moore (Harlequins)	2	S B T Fitzpatrick (Auckland)*
V E Ubogu (Bath)	3	O M Brown (Auckland)
T A K Rodber (Northampton/Army)	6	M R Brewer (Canterbury)
M O Johnson (Leicester)	4	I D Jones (North Harbour)
M C Bayfield (Northampton)	5	R M Brooke (Auckland)
B B Clarke (Bath)	7	J Kronfeld (Otago)
D Richards (Leicester)	8	Z V Brooke (Auckland)

* captain

Referee: S R Hilditch (Ireland)

REPLACEMENTS: 16 J E B Callard (Bath), 17 P R de Glanville (Bath), 18 K P P Bracken (Bristol), 19 S O Ojomoh (Bath), 20 G C Rowntree (Leicester), 21 R G R Dawe (Bath).

REPLACEMENTS: 16 M C G Ellis (Otago), 17 S Culhane (Southland), 18 A D Strachan (Nth Harbour), 19 J W Joseph (Otago) or B P Larsen (Nth Harbour), 20 R W Loe (Canterbury), 21 N Hewitt (Southland).

Keeping the faith to defeat New Zealand

Rob Andrew believes a tried and tested strategy can deliver a coveted place in the Rugby World Cup final

A week ago, Bob Dwyer, the Australia coach, was none too generous in his assessment of England's approach to rugby. Since then we have heard New Zealand pundits criticising our style, and it has caused a certain amount of amusement in our camp. We take such opinions as a compliment for we know they were, and are, worried about us.

England go into the World Cup semi-final against the All Blacks tomorrow with growing confidence in our ability as rugby players, and with no intention of changing our strategy. English backs may not be the most innovative in world rugby. While we do have some very talented individual footballers, you seldom see us doing double somersaults because that is not part of our character as rugby players.

But there is a basic ability and perception of the game which, if we keep faith with and work to improve it, will more often than not see us through. That is what we hope to bring to tomorrow's semi-final against opponents whose direct approach is similar to our own. But our vision of 15-man rugby is not the same as theirs.

Look what happened to Australia against South Africa and against England. Defences are up so quickly in this tournament and the midfield is so cluttered that teams attempting the sort of switches and loops that the Australians tried will come to grief. This is not to say that we don't want to move the ball wide — we do, but we must do it properly.

It would be criminal to ignore the fact that we have one of the best packs in the world in terms of their ability to win quality ball and cross the gain line. Will Carling and Jerry Guscott are both good at getting that ball in front of the forwards, who then recycle it, but where we have failed so far in this tournament is in making the link with the strike runners, the Underwood brothers and Mike Catt.

But you will not see fundamental change against New Zealand. There has been a measured response to the victory over Australia and we know there are areas in which we can and must improve. One is the ability to score points when the opportunity occurs and have the confidence to keep the ball in hand. We cannot afford to ignore the sort of chances that arose in Cape Town last week.

A lot of homework has been done on the All Blacks. Even the Australians admitted that our analysis of them was pretty good and I believe we can combat the strengths the New Zealanders have shown here, too. They have looked very dangerous, full of running, but I don't think any opponent has yet put them under the sort of pressure that we can impose.

It is always the same with the All Blacks: once you let them across the gain line you are in trouble because they pour men into supporting positions. But, on the two occasions that many of the English players have beaten them, our defence was top notch and it will have to be again.

I sincerely hope that this England team has cast off an inability to sustain success. So often sides have celebrated and allowed themselves to believe that beating the best in the world once was enough. There is no such euphoria now, because a place in the semi-finals is not what we came for.

Interview by David Hands

England linchpin Andrew is appointed an MBE

BY ALYSON RUDD

ROB ANDREW, whose dramatic dropped goal against Australia secured England's semi-final place in the rugby union World Cup, has received a timely tribute by being appointed an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours. It is doubtful that the news will rock the New Zealand camp, but, as Downing Street seeks to establish a more "classless" honours system, the announcement will receive widespread popular approval.

If Andrew and his colleagues manage to quash Jonah Lomu and a strong New Zealand side tomorrow, for many rugby followers the only way to hear about it will be through the commentary of Bill McLaren, the BBC's chief rugby commentator, who is appointed an OBE today. McLaren's distinctive Scottish lilt, colourful phrasing and even-handed enthusiasm are as entwined with rugby's greatest moments as Dan Maskell's commentaries were with those of Wimbledon. McLaren,70, whose own international career was impeded by tuberculosis, has been commentating for almost 30 years.

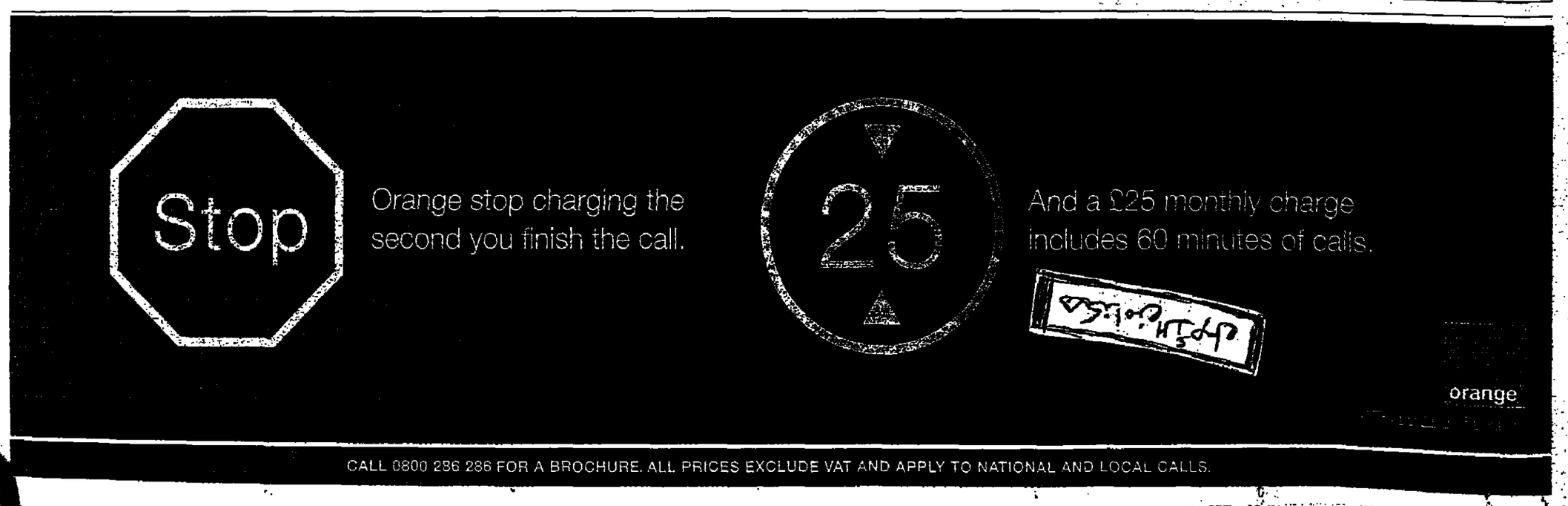
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Thirty-five years as the mainstay of the Great Britain show jumping team were recognised with David Broome being appointed a CBE. Broome, who retired from team competition last year, is the only Briton to have won the world championship. He also won the European championship three times and the national championship six times. Broome was among the first riders to turn professional and, as a consequence, missed three Olympic Games.

Peter Beardsley, the England and Newcastle United footballer, is appointed an MBE as is Harry Gregg, the former Manchester United goalkeeper who is a survivor of the 1958 Munich air disaster. Robin Knox-Johnston and Peter Blake, who last year set a 74-day record for sailing non-stop around the world, are appointed knights. Blake captained *Black Magic*, the New Zealand yacht which won the America's Cup. Christopher Chataway, the former 5,000 metres world record-holder, is also appointed a knight.



Beardsley: MBE





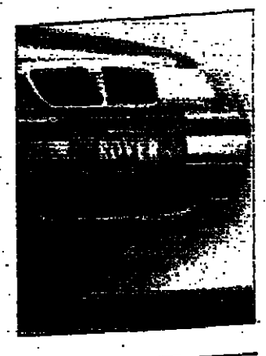
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The car with the brains to drive itself

The Mercedes E-class will do everything except steer for you, says Kevin Eason

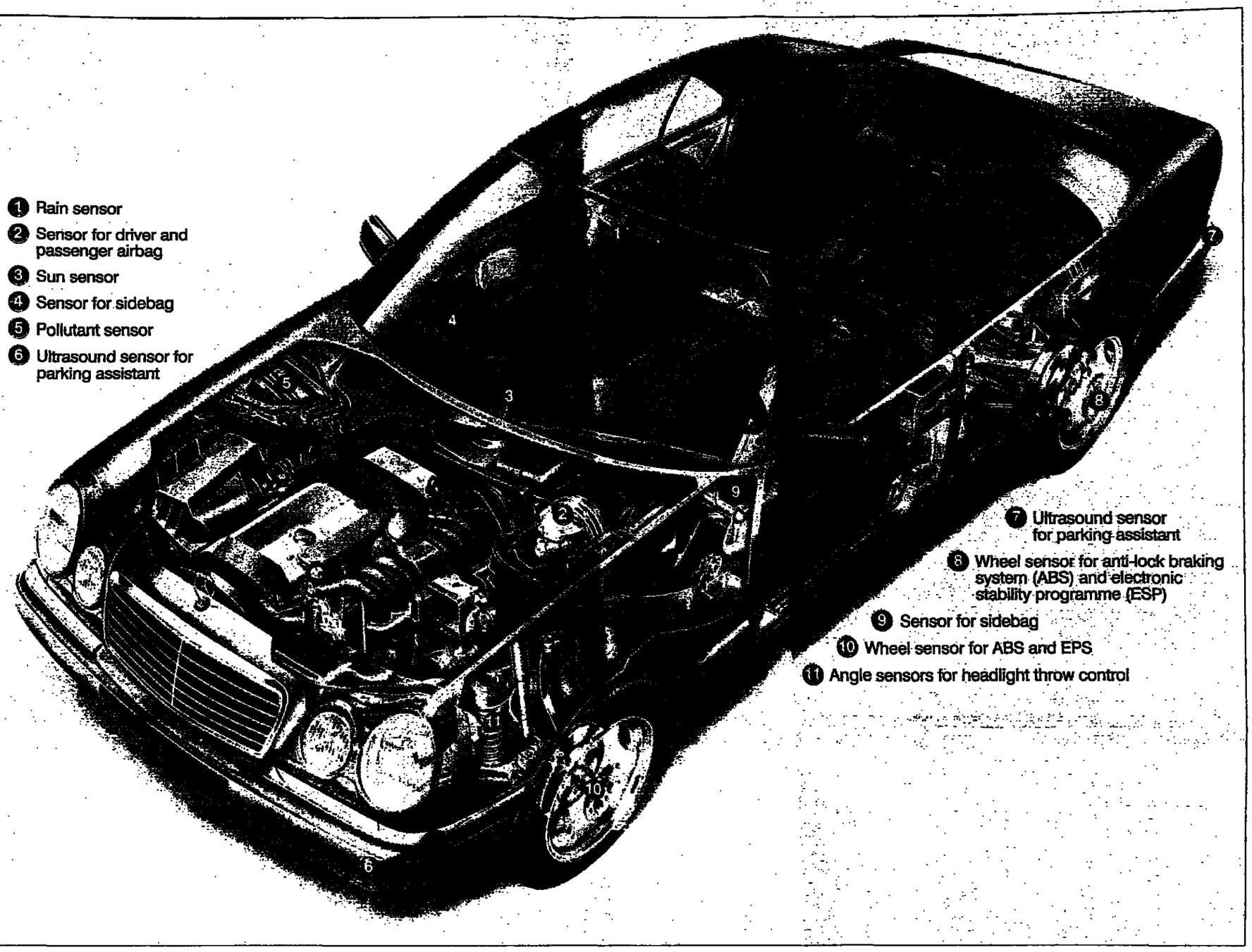
The biggest disappointment with the new Mercedes E-class cars is that you have to bother to drive them.

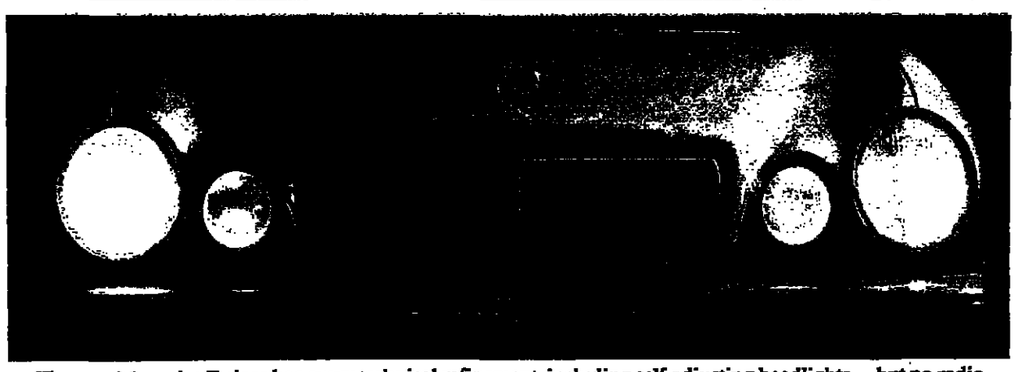
If you are too tired to lift your left arm to switch on the wipers, the Merc will do it for you. If you can't back into that tight parking spot, no need to worry: the Merc will tell you when you get too close to the car behind. And if you end up in a skid, the Merc will do its best to sort things out. It will even protect you from the evils of pollution by keeping nasty gases out of the cabin.

A techno-freak's delight, the E-class models bristle with 11 electronic "brains" — 31 in the upmarket sports models — and a list of impressive sounding initials: ADS, ETS, ABS, APS, even ESP, that underline the wizardry under the bonnet. There are so many gadgets, it is difficult to think of anything else the Mercedes motorist could want. A radio, perhaps? Er, actually, if you want one of those, you have to buy it yourself, although those nice chaps at Mercedes have installed wiring for speakers.

The omission is unlikely to deter buyers who will be queueing up for their E-class car when it is launched in Europe later this month, and in Britain in October.

The E-class is the biggest-selling Mercedes, with 2.7 million leaving showrooms over the past 11 years, including more than 100,000 here. The current W124 models turn up as diesel-powered taxis, high-powered executive cruisers and family estates and account for about half of all Mercedes sales. Trouble was that the old W124 was starting to look all of its 11 years, especially against the competition of BMW's 5 and 7-series and Audi's A6 and A8. So it was time for a revamp.





The new Mercedes E-class has every technical refinement, including self-adjusting headlights — but no radio

Unlike BMW, which has gone for evolutionary styling changes, executives at Mercedes have come over all radical. New bug-eyed headlamps come straight from Ford's bottom drawer, distorting the classical Mercedes front-end. But Mercedes has a reason for everything, and in the case of the headlamps, they are there because they work better, say the engineers. Top versions get xenon gas discharge lamps, twice as bright as conventional lamps, which should last the lifetime of the car, while lenses are plastic instead of glass, cutting weight by half. They are also clever: a sensor detects the movement of the body, dipping the brilliant beam as loads increase in the rear so that oncoming drivers are not dazzled.

Depending on which of three variants — the base Classic, middle Elegance and top level Avantgarde — you choose, the array of gadgets is breathtaking. E-class also has an electronic "nose" which detects carbon monoxide and nitrous oxides from vehicle exhausts. When levels are too high, the sensor closes the air recirculation flap to keep the pollution outside.

The E-class also figures out when it is raining, thanks to a windscreen moisture sensor, which will switch on the wiper and decide how fast it should sweep the windscreen. And even if you are unsighted when parking, Mercedes offers ultrasonic sensors which beep as you close in on surrounding cars, like a submarine sonar.

Safety steps up a gear with the introduction of optional side airbags, which burst from the door panel within seven milliseconds of impact. And what of the initials? ASR is acceleration skid control, which determines the spinning speed of the wheels when the throttle pedal is flattened too heavily; ETS is electronic traction support to intervene when wheels spin on slippery roads to even up traction; ADS is adaptive damping system, controlling the stiffness of the suspension, and APS a navigation system available from next year. ESP — electronic stability program — does the thinking when it detects that the yaw, lateral acceleration and steering wheel angle means a skid, and cuts engine power and controls brake pressure.

With all those sensors thinking alongside you, the act of driving seems an intrusion on the efforts of Mercedes engineers, who must be like the hi-fi freaks who spend thousands on woofers and tweeters and then invest so much time listening for wow and flutter they forget what record they put on. The E-class might be packed with high-tech engineering, but there is little of the "feel-good" factor in the cabin. Seats are of traditional Mercedes back-breaking orthopaedic firmness while the textures and ambience are more spartan than welcoming.

The four-cylinder cars are noisy, and feel unrefined with a woolly manual gearshift. Best car I tested was the six-cylinder E320 automatic, which felt pacy but smooth and which cornered with an ease that will be appreciated by buyers in this market, where 95 per cent of the cars are bought with a company cheque and the Mercedes-Benz virtues of technology, strength and solidity count for everything.

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Tony Dawe on the shock of phoney bills

Members accuse AA of posting a frightener

THE AA has been accused of breaching advertising codes after sending out phoney French garage bills to 50,000 members as part of a campaign to persuade them to take out the organisation's Five Star travel service.

Many were shocked and bewildered by the bills, which looked authentic and included a demand for Fr2016.20 (about £256) for recovery, repairs and a new battery from Garage G. Leblanc of Rouen.

The bills arrived in airmail envelopes also containing a handwritten form advising recipients that they had been fined Fr900 for failing to switch on hazard lights and for not displaying a warning triangle during an emergency motorway stop.

The British codes of advertising and sales practice says no advertisement should cause fear or distress without good reason. Road safety and anti-drink/drive campaigns are acceptable but the AA's use of shock tactics could land it in trouble with the Advertising Standards Authority.

One motorist taken in was



Mary Grace, of north London, who had just returned from holiday when she opened the letter. "I was in a bleary state and really worried when this French bill fell out," she said. "I had been to France recently and started racking my brains trying to remember what had happened to the car.

"It was quite unnecessary. I would probably have taken the insurance again anyway if I had been returning to France. Now I shall think twice."

John Wilson has sent an angry letter to the AA after a seriously ill friend received the bills after a motoring holiday in France. "This mailshot was designed to shock, and it well did," he said. "Its effect could have been fatal."

The AA apologised yesterday for upsetting members with the campaign. An official said: "It would not be the AA's intention to cause any distress with any of our marketing activities. The purpose of the campaign was merely to highlight what might happen to members without the service, and the sort of garage and car-hire bills they could bring home with them."

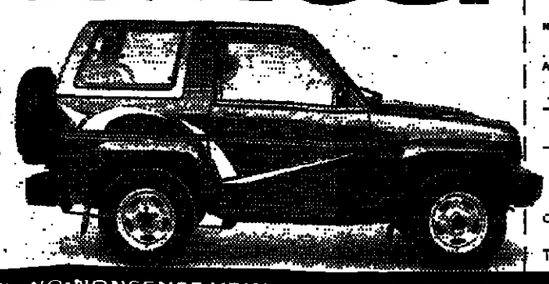
She added that the first line of the letter accompanying the bills said: "If you want to avoid returning from your holiday with a glovebox full of expenses like these, take out AA Five Star cover this summer". Unfortunately, many people did not notice the letter.

THE campaign will continue in a less alarming way. Thousands more members will receive GB stickers or miniature warning triangles through the post to warn them that they could be breaking the law if they take their cars abroad without them and to advertise the service.

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● **LONDON**
The Stella Artois tennis tournament continues until Sunday 18th June at Queens Club, Palliser Road, Kensington.
Trooping the Colour is taking place at Horse Guards between 10am and 1pm today. Diversions. Delays also at Hyde Park corner and Trafalgar Square.
A406 North Circular Rd, Upper Edmonton. Width reduced on Lea Valley Viaduct.
A406 North Circular Rd, East Finchley. One lane in parts *between the A1 and A1000.*
A219 Putney Bridge. One lane each way for repairs.
A5201 Clerkenwell Rd, Clerkenwell. Closed at the junction with Farringdon Road for bridge works.

● **SOUTH EAST**
Royal Ascot Races are on from Tuesday to Friday and will create congestion. Diversions will operate.
M25 Surrey. Roadworks, lane closures, between J10 and 11 and J7 and J8.
M23 J9 (Gatwick). Northbound queues in morning.
M26 *J1-2 (near M25, Kent).* Contraflow for maintenance.
A3 Guildford, Surrey. Major roadworks between Stoke Interchange and Compton.
A21 Coopers Corner, nr Hurst Green, Sussex. Roadworks with temporary lights at junction with B2099.

● **SOUTH WEST**
M5 Avon.
Two contraflows for roadworks, between J19 and 17 (Portbury-*Bristol West) and J17 and 16* (Bristol West-Almondsbury). The southbound entry slip road at J16 is also closed until 16th June.
M5 Gloucestershire
Two contraflows for roadworks, between J12 and 11 (Gloucester- Cheltenham) and at J9 (Tewkesbury).
A417 Gloucester. Contraflow on Barnwood Bypass.
A36 nr Norton Saint Philip, Somerset. Roadworks at the *junction with the A366.*
A3074 Carbis Bay to Saint Ives, Cornwall. Roadworks with temporary lights.
A39 Penryn, Cornwall. Two *lanes only on river bridge* during maintenance. A38 Bristol Road, Bridgwater, Somerset. Roadworks — long delays.
A303 Ilchester Bypass, Somerset. Contraflow for bridge works at River Yeo bridge, resurfacing at Dancing Cross.
A31 Ashley Heath Round*about, Dorset. Lane closures.*
A377 Exeter Road, Crediton, Devon. Roadworks causing long delays.

● **MIDLANDS AND EAST ANGLIA**
M1 nr J21 (Leicester) Contraflow lane closures.
M6 West Midlands J5-6 (A462-A38M). Contraflow with three lanes each way and restrictions on the slip roads at J6. Additional overnight restrictions.

A45 Stonebridge, West Midlands. Flyover construction at the A452 junction & widening between the M42 J6 & Stonebridge Island.
A453 Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, Midlands. New roadworks underway on Clifton Lane between Fabis Drive and Clifton Bridge .
A47 Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. New traffic lights being installed on Soke Parkway at junction with Bourges Boulevard. Lane closures will cause delays (until October)

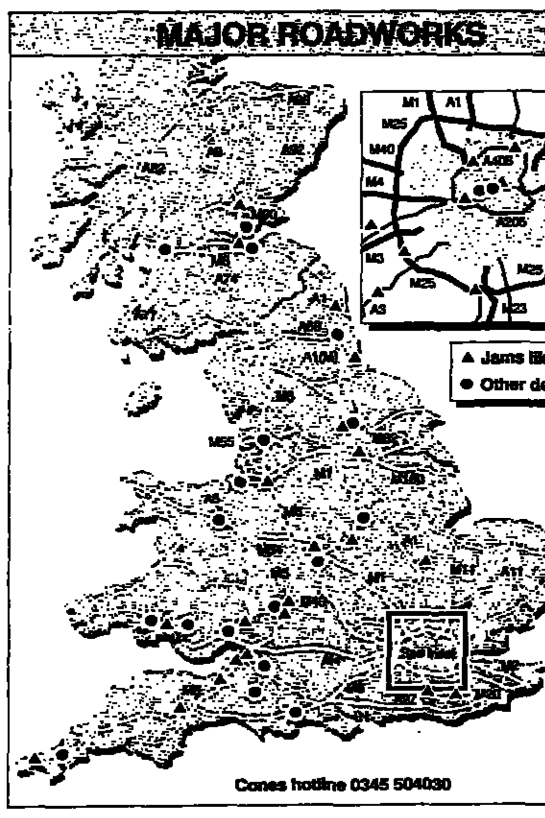
● **NORTH**
M6 Lancashire J29-32 (Bamber Bridge-Broughton). Widening works with only two lanes southbound at J31
M6 J20-J22 (Lymm-Winwick) Cheshire
Widening work, contraflow at *J21a, causes severe delays.* A1 Dishforth, North Yorkshire. Two narrow lanes each way through a contraflow.A1 Between Ferrybridge & Selby Fork, West Yorkshire.
Work starts 18th June in preparation for a contraflow. Long delays likely.
A168 Dishforth, North Yorkshire. Temporary lights at the bridge over the A1.
A19 County Durham. Roadworks between Peterlee and Hawthorn.
A41 Merseyside. Contraflow on the New Ferry Bypass.
A1 Stannington, Northumberland. Lane closures for bridge work. Long delays expected through the rush hour.
A1058 Jesmond Road, Newcastle down to one lane each way on the *Cradlewell* Bypass — until September.

● **WALES**
A48 Dyfed. Contraflow in place west of J49 of the M4 (Pont Abraham), for construction.
A467 Newport, Gwent. Contraflow on Forge Lane while improvement work is underway on the A48 between J28 of the M4 and the Tredegar Park Roundabout.
A5 Maerdy, Clwyd. Improve*ments continue at the Glyn* bends. Various restrictions including temporary lights at times & short term closures .
A465 West Glamorgan, between Llandarcy and Aberdulais. Contraflow along the Saltings viaduct for resurfacing. Add an extra 30 minutes to your journey.
A4223 Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan. A one-way system is operating on Gelliwastad Road due to widening.
A449 Gwent and A40 between Newport and Monmouth. Much of route reduced to one lane due to work.Major works with various lane closures reducing much of the route to one lane.

● **SCOTLAND**
M90 Tayside J10 (Friarton Bridge). Northbound lane closure, overnight contraflow . M8 Strathclyde J15-18. Outside lane closed westbound.
A91 Kirkcaldy, Fife. Width restrictions on *St Clair Street for* roadworks.
A8000 nr South Queensferry, Lothian. Temporary lights at Kirkliston Road for roadworks. Edinburgh, Lothian. Width restrictions on High Street between North and South bridges.

● **NORTHERN IRELAND**
M1 between Stockmans Lane and Saintfield Road, Co Down. Closed both ways between 5am and 6pm. *Diversions.*
A26 Ballymoney, CoLondonderry. Temporary lights Greenhill Road junction with the bypass.

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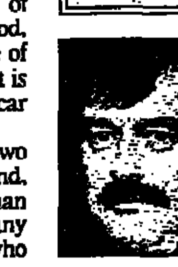


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DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION



Peter Barnard

Several million British people will set out for the Channel ports this summer on the annual migration to France. We validate this journey in all manner of ways: reliable weather, great food, cheap wine. But, of course, none of those is the point at all. The point is to show the French how to drive a car properly.

I have just returned from two weeks in the south of France and, Calais to Calais, covered more than 2,000 miles. In case there are any French people reading this who regularly use their country's motorways — especially the A1, A26 and A6 — I was that weird *homme* in the maroon Renault 25 who tended to use his indicators when he changed lanes and desisted from roaring up behind people, jamming on his brakes then swerving violently into the next lane. In a word, I was the Brit.

There are some people who wonder at the carnage on French roads, but none of them has ever been there. France has about the same population as Britain and nearly four times as much space, and most of their motorways are about as congested as ours are on Christmas Day; yet French motorists manage to kill each other at more than twice our rate.

Indeed, I think the French are in some ways worse than the Italians because at least the latter are consistently mad whereas the French have sudden outbreaks of madness, much like a dog with rage syndrome. One minute the thing is asleep, the next it has eaten the cat.

Yet though it may be fun to think otherwise, I doubt that the French are intrinsically any worse behind the wheel than the rest of us. I think their problem is their much-vaunted roads, and we had better take that on board before it becomes our problem, too. The truth is that French autoroutes are wonderful, which they have a right to be, given the tolls: Paris to Cannes costs more than £88 return. Still, road works are kept to a minimum and usually halted over holidays (M25 please note), and they are liberally sprinkled with every kind of stopping place from picnic areas to full-scale services. But come off the autoroutes and you will find... drudgery. Many of the French *routes nationales* — equivalent to our A roads — are a nightmare if you get behind slow-moving traffic, and their surface quality is distinctly variable, to say the least.

The inevitable conclusion is that where people pay directly to use roads, money is ploughed back, but where they pay only indirectly, neglect sets in. With our own Transport Department blowing hot and cold over tolls, perhaps we had better hope that its indecision is final.

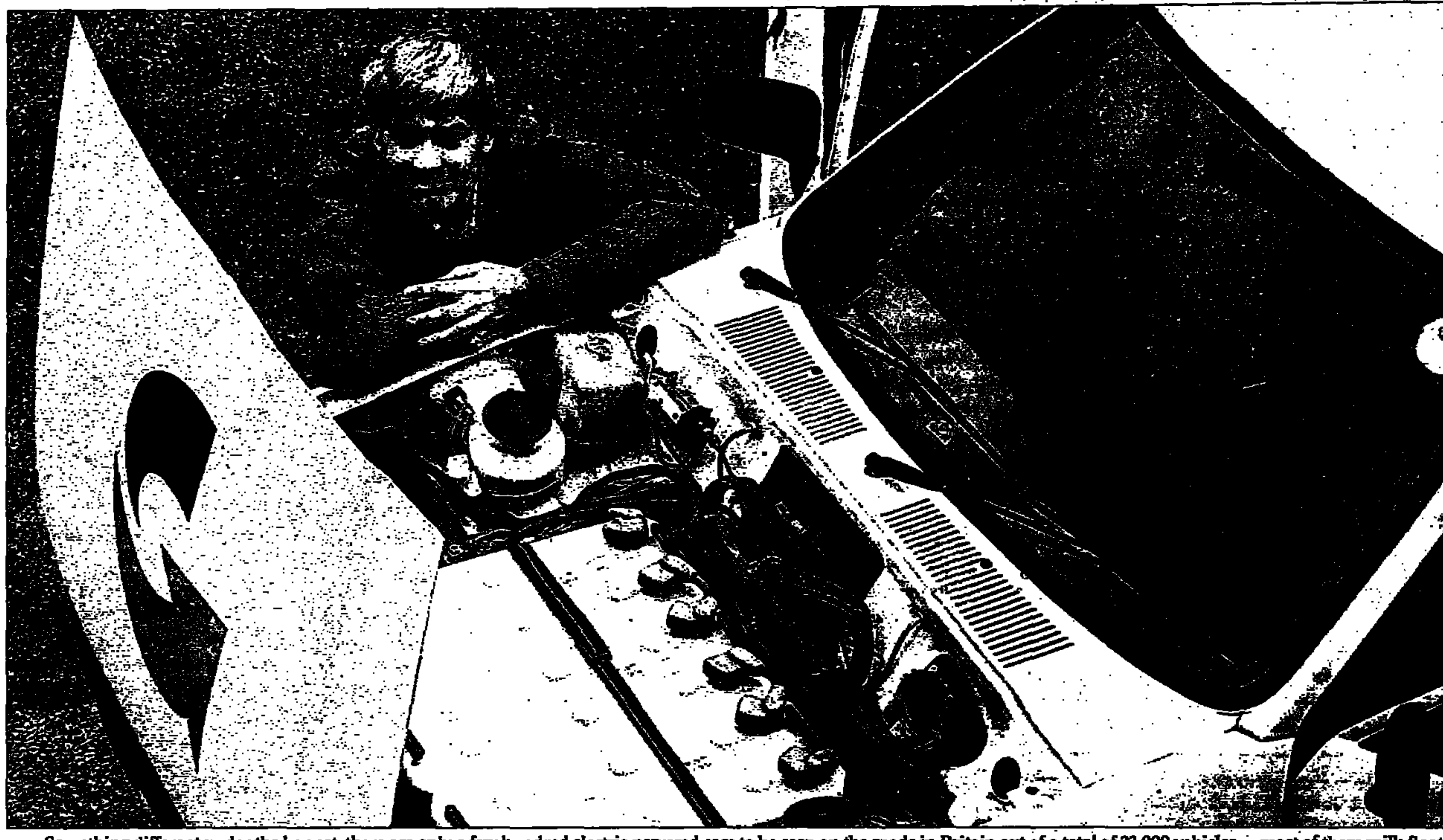


ONE lesson we can certainly learn from France is about the display of information. We are starting to use overhead gantries, but there are nowhere near enough of them. The French use these electronic displays to announce everything from the temperature to the next service area or an accident ahead — that last service saving me a great deal of frustration last week when I was able to pull off an autoroute and wait for an accident 20km ahead to be cleared away.

Most motorway crashes in this country are announced by a logjam of traffic ahead, usually when you have just passed an exit road. A few million spent on overhead technology would save an awful lot of ground-level frustration, and pollution, which is in turn an important road safety benefit.

Drivers are known to regard motorway journeys as taking X amount of time, so after delays they *speed up to compensate.* Less time would be wasted if we could circumvent jams. Speeds would, therefore, be reduced and the risks on the roads reduced.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Something different under the bonnet: there are only a few hundred electric-powered cars to be seen on the roads in Britain out of a total of 23,000 vehicles — most of them milk floats

Has the British battery gone flat?

Whitehall is failing to support the electric car, says **Jonathan Prynn**

In September the world's first mass-produced electric passenger car will roll off a Peugeot production line in Mulhouse, eastern France. It is not an event that will have Henry Ford turning in his grave . . . yet.

Only a few thousand of the specially adapted Peugeot 106s will be produced a year and initially they will all be for the French market. A right-hand drive model for Britain is not likely to be available until the end of next year. But the move will make Peugeot the world leader in the small but growing electric vehicle industry and will wrest leadership in the field from Britain, where there are about 23,000 registered electric vehicles.

Of these about 17,000 are milk floats and most of the rest operate at airports or warehouses. No more than a few hundred are likely to be regularly used passenger vehicles.

Part of the reason is availability. The few cars on the market are expensive to buy and have to be made to order. Also, the technology allows a journey range of only about 50 miles, or three hours driving. "There is no question that in this century, and probably for quite a long time after that, there will not be an electric vehicle available for driving from London to Edinburgh," says Brian Roden, of the Electric Vehicles Association. More realistically, they would make an ideal runabout for trips in town, where the problems of air pollution are most acute.

"The perfect thing for Mr *Suburbia* would be an electric Mini and a Y-reg Jaguar XJS," says Mark Radford, managing director of Atlantis Classics, which makes the Atlantis Electric Mini. "When you wanted to do everyday motoring you would use the electric car. When you wanted to go and burn up some miles, you would have the comfort and speed of the Jag."

Mr Radford insists that such an arrangement would be economically viable. "The Jag does about 14 miles to the gallon, so it's going to cost you *an absolute fortune. On the other* hand, the electric Mini costs between 30 and 40 pence to recharge, so you could travel 458 miles for the price of a gallon of petrol."

The company hopes to produce 50 electric cars next year, making it a mass-market manufacturer in Britain, where an order for two vehicles gets the champagne corks popping.

For all its protestations of concern about [illegible] car emissions, the Government has given almost no help to the movement, unlike its French counterpart. Indeed, electric vehicle enthusiasts claim the Government has positively hindered their development by imposing a £35 excise duty for the first time from next month. The Government insists that the drive towards zero-emission motoring must be market led.

Most of the running is being made by urban local authorities. Westminster City Council allows free parking for electric cars on its meters, although with only a few dozen electric vehicles in the capital, the gesture is an empty if well meaning one. In Ipswich the local authority has bought two Danish electric passenger vehicles, which are used as pool vehicles for council staff. Even the police are in the act, with the Hampshire force using an Eco-Star electric van.

Mr Roden believes that the lack of support for electric vehicles from Whitehall is one of the biggest single factors holding back more widespread use. "It would be nice if ministers instructed each department to buy half a dozen electric vehicles to set an example," he said. "The fact that the Department of the Environment does not own one is scandalous."

With urban pollution shooting higher up the political agenda with each smog-bound summer, the electric vehicle is looking increasingly like an idea whose time has come. A recent report predicted that there could be one million electric vehicles on the world's roads by the end of the century. In California the authorities have ordered that 2 per cent of all vehicles sold by 1998 should produce zero emissions, rising to 10 per cent by 2003.

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Lord Montagu of Beaulieu looks at the magnificent Mini, an icon of the Sixties and still in production

Little giant that conquered the world

The Mini and the Sixties were made for each other. Announced four months before the decade began, the car came to symbolise the radicalism and fun associated with the Sixties. In its engineering and appearance the Mini took no account of established traditions, and neither did many of its owners. It has survived for the past 35 years and uniquely gave a name to an enduring women's fashion.

The Mini was the brainchild of Alec Issigonis, although the impetus to produce it came from Leonard Lord, head of the British Motor Corporation, which had been formed in 1952 from the fusion of Austin and Morris. Issigonis had worked for Morris since the Thirties and was responsible for the advanced Morris Minor of 1948. In 1956 Lord invited him back to BMC. The fuel crisis occasioned by the closure of the Suez Canal was at its height, and the response of the car world was a rash of bubble cars, mostly with three wheels and tiny two-stroke engines.

Lord had no time for these. "God damn these bloody awful bubble cars," he said. "We must drive them out of the streets by designing a proper miniature car."

His brief to Issigonis was the maximum interior space combined with the minimum external size. It was a challenge which Issigonis relished, because he thought that a large car did not stretch a designer's abilities.

He had wanted to use front wheel drive in the Morris Minor, but cost and time were against him. Now he was able to do it in the Mini, combined with a transverse engine, which was mounted directly above the gearbox. Thus engine and gearbox "shared the same bathwater" of a common oil supply, which alarmed some critics at first, but did not prove a problem in the long run. Only the engine — BMC's well-tried A-type of 848cc — was not new. Suspension was by a radical all-independent system of rubber springs designed by Alex Moulton of bicycle fame, and the wheels had a tiny diameter of 10in.

The body was a two-door, four-seater saloon, at first lacking frills such as wind-up windows. Issigonis managed to accommodate four passengers in an overall car length of just 10ft. This has never been improved on since, apart from some French microcars which were just the sort of car that Lord abhorred.

The car was launched in August 1959 under two names, Austin Se7en and Mini Minor. The Se7en name was dropped in 1962, and the Austin versions became Minis, while the Morris Mini Minor name lasted until 1969.

With a top speed of 72mph and remarkable "chuckable" handling, the little cars achieved instant popularity. The Mini was ideal for competitions except that it needed more power. This was provided by tuning firms such as Speedwell and Downton, but the most famous was John Cooper, whose Mini Cooper tuning was done at the factory; Cooper receiving a £2 royalty for every car delivered. The first Mini Cooper of 1961 had a 997cc engine giving 55bhp, followed by the 70bhp, 1071cc Cooper S and the 76bhp, 1275 Cooper S. Works cars gave more than 100bhp from 1275cc. During the Sixties the Mini Cooper gained Dunlop SP41 radial tyres and Hydrolastic suspension, the latter being standardised on all Minis at the same time. Among countless rally victories for the Coopers were the Monte Carlo in 1964, 1965 and 1967, the Finnish Thousand Lakes in 1965, 1966 and 1967, and the first three places in 1965's Rally Championship, the first time a British car had won it. Mini Coopers were also active in racing and rallycross.

About 150,000 Mini Coopers were made up to 1969, and the idea was revived by Cooper in 1991 when he offered a performance kit which could be fitted by Cooper Garages or a Rover dealer. In December 1994 a special Mini Cooper Grand Prix was announced by John Cooper Garages, to celebrate the 35th birthday of the Mini and of Cooper racing cars winning the Formula One Constructors' Championship. Only 35, featuring a new fuel injection management system and power up to 86bhp, were made. This month sees a new edition of the Cooper S.

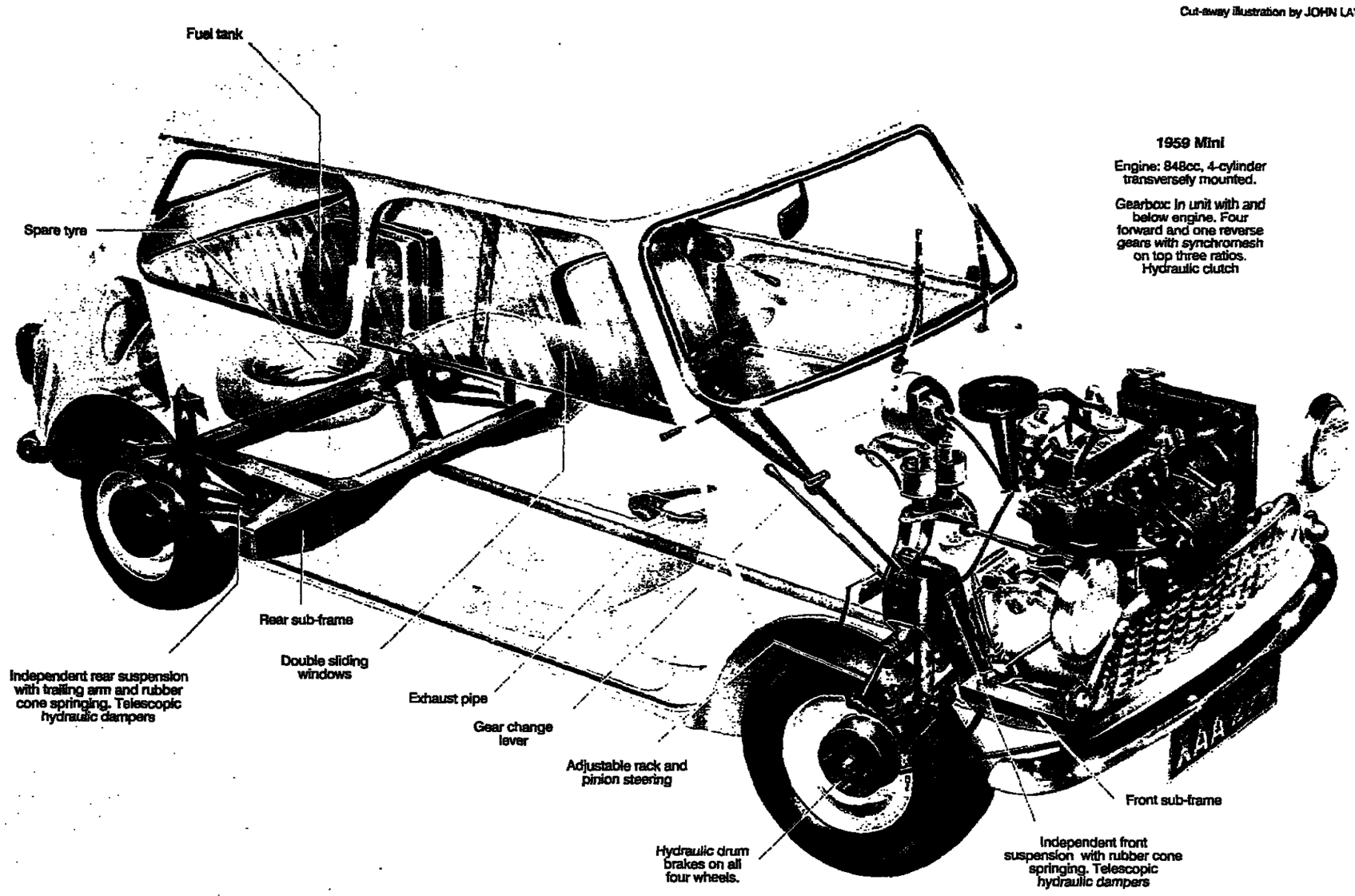
BMC soon realised that there was room for variations on the Mini theme; first estate and van versions, followed in 1961 by Riley and Wolseley-badged Minis called Elf and Hornet. These had "traditional" radiator grilles and extended boots, with extra wood veneer in the cabin. In 1964, came the Jeep-like Moke. Though BMC dropped the Moke in 1968, a Portuguese-built version can still be bought. The Clubman, with a longer nose incorporating a higher grille, was one attempt to update the Mini's appearance. But it was not popular.

The Mini has been the basis for countless specials, including stretched versions with four doors, pick-ups with six wheels, and the amazing Twinny-Mini with an engine at each end. In the Sixties, customisers who had previously worked largely on Rolls-Royces, such as Harold Radford, produced Minis with canework body panels for Peter Sellers and a hatchback version for his wife, Britt Ekland. Pampered customers could have cocktail bars, television, air-conditioning system, electrically operated tinted windows and hand-sewn leather seats. These extras could add £20,000 to the basic price of £750.

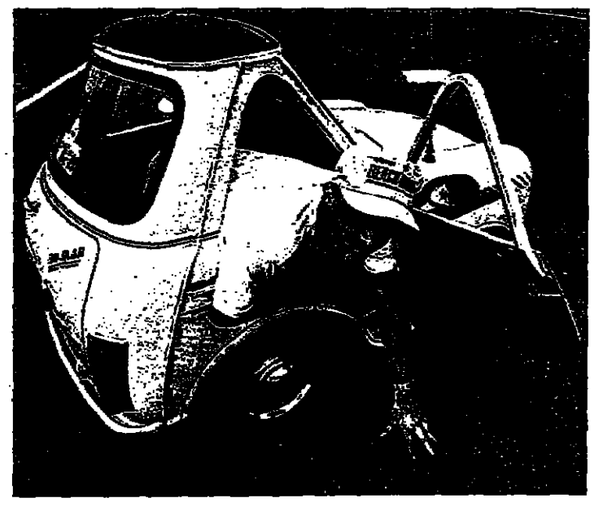
At least 33 makes of car have used the Mini engine and transmission. Some of these, like the Mini-Marcos and its successor the Midas, have been made in reasonable numbers, while others, such as the ABI three-wheeler with the transverse engine exposed like that of a pre-war Morgan, were more ephemeral. At least three Mini-based makes appeared in Australia, while the Innocenti factory in Italy built its own versions of the Mini, including Coopers, in large numbers from 1965 to 1982.

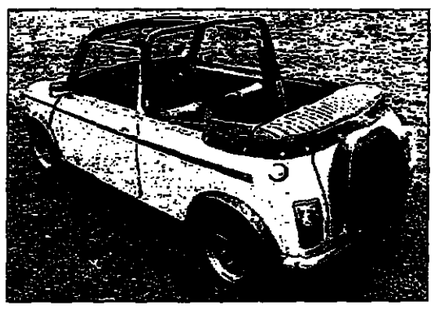
Now in its 37th year of production, with more than 5.3 million built, the Mini has survived all the upheavals of its maker, from BMC to British Leyland to privatisation and now to ownership by BMW, the Munich carmaker. It still sells, despite the presence of much more sophisticated "super-minis", and has several years' life left.

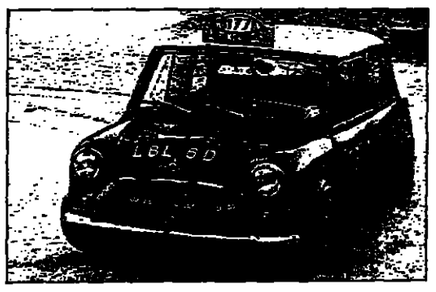
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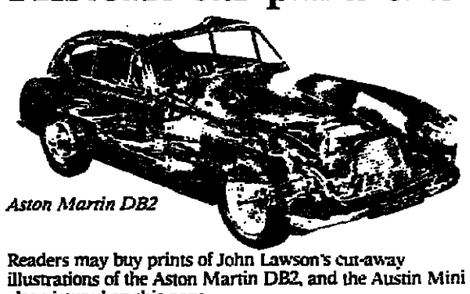
From the weird to the wonderful. Above: Geek Vullings from Holland in "the smallest Mini" at the car's 30th birthday party at Silverstone. Above right: A custom-built cabriolet given to the Princess of Wales by her husband as a 21st birthday present. Right: Rauno Aaltonen in the 1967 Monte Carlo Rally winner

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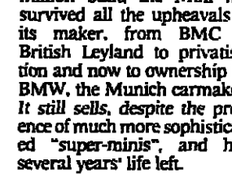
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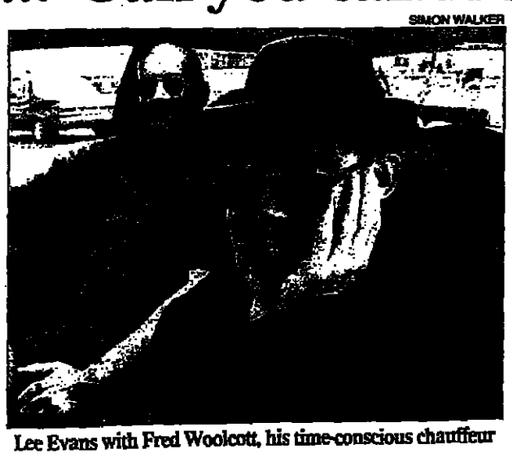
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SIMON WALKER



Lee Evans with Fred Woolcott, his time-conscious chauffeur

Lee Evans, the frenetic rubber-faced comedian, has spent most of this year rushing around Australia and Britain. His first television series, *The World of Lee Evans*, is showing, his new video is out later this month and he stars in a feature film, *Funny Bones*, due for UK release in September. This 30-year-old ex-boxer is renowned as a delightful chap with one fault: he has no concept of time. So Channel 4 insists that he has a chauffeur.



How did you learn to drive?

In my mate Wayne's car; he'd just got a car for 60 quid. It was a red Ford Cortina, and I drove it without a licence or a provisional for a couple of weeks. Fortunately, we had no crashes. I passed my test the second time. The first time I upset the instructor because he bashed his head against the window when I did an emergency stop. He said: "Fail! Fail!"

What was your first car?

A Ford Escort — the old rounded type. It was stolen three times. Each time they stole it they nicked the radio and we found the car abandoned. It was knackered but it kept going.

What car do you drive now and why?

A Renault 5. Neee-ooow! It's blue and black. No stripes. But for work I have to have a chauffeur-driven car. This bloke has been assigned to me to get me to places on time. If I'm not ready, he goes "MOVE!" He's a big guy called Fred [Lee gestures towards a huge man near by] and when he says "MOVE!" you go.

Do you enjoy driving?

Not long distances. I used to have an old Allegro and I got to hate driving because it was traffic jam, road, traffic jam, road. They're building an extra four lanes on the M25, aren't they? One day you'll go on the M25 and there'll be a load of badgers and rabbits with hard hats building a big stretch of countryside.

What is your dream car?

A small one. I reckon everyone should have a pogo stick, and get around that way. The police could have ones with white stripes and a blue light.

What is your most hated car?

I'm not passionately hateful about cars. I don't go around saying: "You've got an Allegro — urrgh!"

What's your worst habit in the car?

Fiddling with tapes while I'm driving and fiddling with the radio. And I've no sense of direction. I argue with the person who has the map. I'm always right, when in fact I'm always wrong.

What infuriates you most about other drivers?

When humans revert to a Stone Age mentality because they're surrounded by a wall of steel. When there's a gap in the traffic and they won't let you in. And when I see litter flying out of car windows. I hate that. And when you go to a service station and there's a big lorry driver washing in the sink like an elephant at a watering hole.

What is the most unusual thing you have done in your car?

I was in a taxi and I was very late. I said: "You must get me to the airport." He goes, "Righty-ho guv". He was going very slow. I was going: "Faster, faster!" He said, "I can't go any faster"; I was going, "Please, please, or I'll be letting all these people down." Then he went off the road and the car turned over. He broke his arm. He got out of the taxi and I said: "Could you get me another taxi?" He did, but I missed the plane. I made sure he got an ambulance, though.

Have you ever had points on your licence?

Yeah. For a crash. Someone stopped their car at a roundabout and I wasn't looking and hit them up the backside.

What do you listen to in the car?

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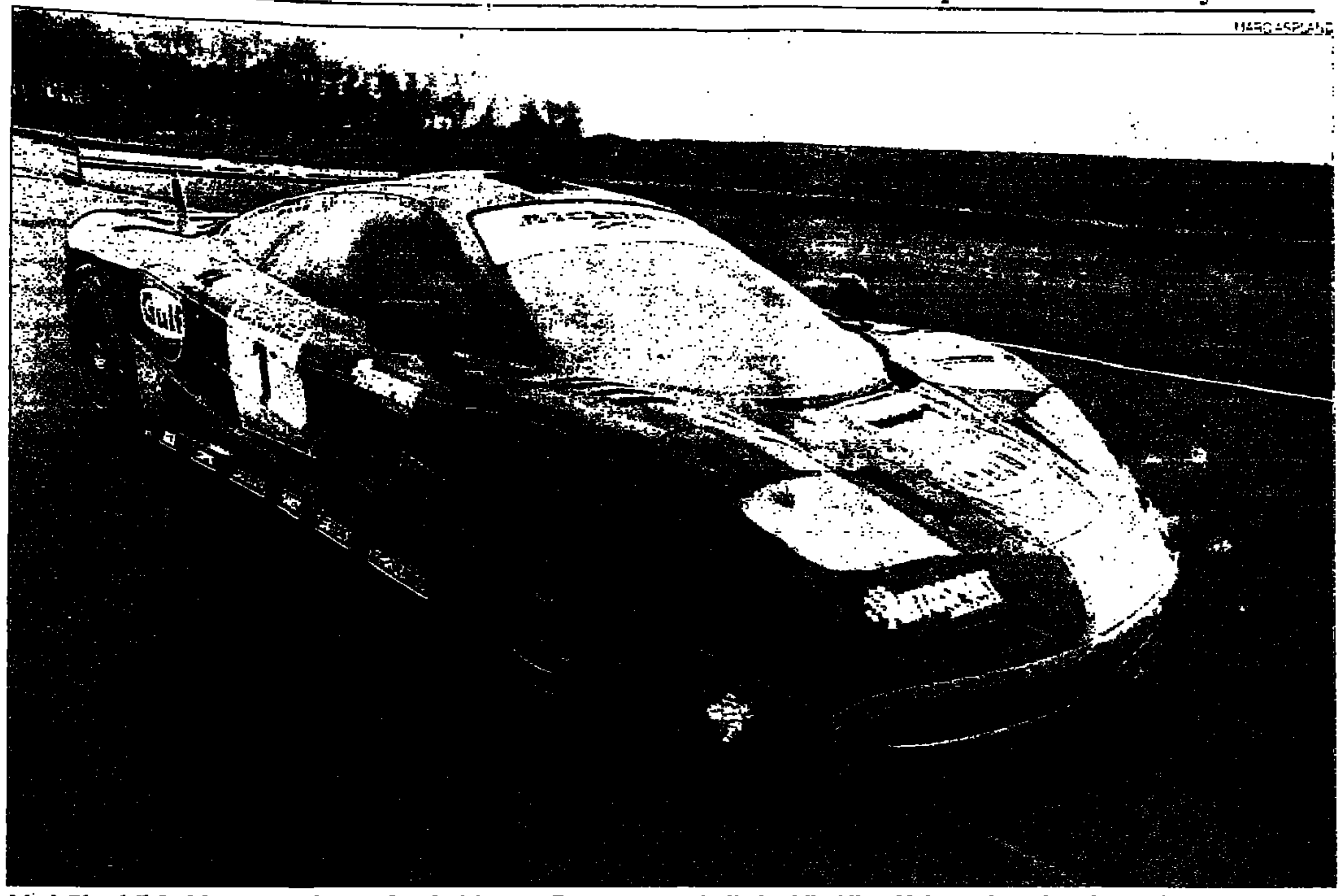
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MARC ASPLAND

Mark Blundell, Le Mans competitor, pushes the McLaren Fl sports car to the limit while Oliver Holt wonders what's happening with his helmet

The pit crew were laughing, the team manager seemed worried and a faint smile played over Mark Blundell's face. Then the door of the Gulf Racing McLaren Fl GTR car that Blundell will drive in the Le Mans 24-hour race that starts today banged shut.

It may be the most expensive road car in the world, retailing at more than £1 million, but in race trim the McLaren Fl is not meant for more than one person. As a special favour, however, I had been squeezed into an alcove behind Blundell's left shoulder, during a break in testing at the Pembrey circuit in south Wales, my helmeted head wedged fast between the roll bar and some other unidentified piece of metal.

Then Blundell turned my vague apprehension into outright fear. "Can't you move your head at all?" he asked. I tried to shake it, but the helmet *would not move, and suddenly* I had visions of a crashing car and snapping bones. It was only when he promised he would take it easy that I really feared the worst.

Partnering Derek Warwick and Yannick Dalmas, Blundell won Le Mans for Peugeot in 1991. He knows what he is doing in a sports car and, of course, he did not put a foot wrong. The car exploded into life in the pits, its V12 engine, which produces 636bhp, howling in anticipation before the car hurtled down the Park Straight.

The acceleration and the braking took my breath away. On the first flying lap, we hit 150mph on the straight, then when it seemed too late to brake for a hairpin bend, he hit the pedal, his left hand rising into the periphery of my view, fighting the wheel. It did the trick. My head had been jerked free.

We did three more laps like this, accelerating and braking so fast that my stomach did not know whether to jump through the windscreen or rush out in a panic through my back, using the kerbs to get maximum momentum, seeing the track flying past as my helmet shook and then those hands again shaking on the wheel. When we pulled back to the pits, the crew reported that Blundell had set his quickest time of the day, 58.2 seconds, on the penultimate lap.

He will partner Ray Bellm and Maurizio Sala at Le Mans. His team mates have already had a string of successes in endurance races this season but there are worries about the reliability of the McLaren Fl over 24 hours and about its comparative lack of straight-line speed. At about 190mph, it drags behind some of its main competitors.

There is a strong field at Le Mans this year, too. Mario Andretti, driving a Porsche for the French Courage team, will be trying to become the second man since Graham Hill to win a Formula One world championship, the Indianapolis 500 and the 24-hour race. Derek Bell will be attempting to equal Jacky Ickx's record six wins and several grand prix drivers are also competing in the event.

> 'You do not want to be the one who messes up'

Blundell, who is 29, began the season with Le Mans as his only real target. But after the trials and tribulations that befell Mansell, he has also driven four times for McLaren-Mercedes in Formula One and performed well enough to deserve to be given the drive for the rest of the year. But he still counts his win at Le Mans in the Peugeot four years ago as the pinnacle of his career. "Le Mans is something special," he says. "You are there for a week, so you build up a rapport with the rest of the team. You are driving with other people, too, not just for yourself, which adds extra pressure but also gives you extra satisfaction."

Each driver will race in stints of about two hours before they hand over to the next man. Winning the race is about speed but also conservation of tyres and vital mechanical parts as they come under the unprecedented strain.

Blundell says: "Every driver in the team has to be careful not to go out there and try to do sensational lap times. That is difficult for a racing driver to do. You have to tell the others if they are being excessive with the brakes, too hard with the gearbox or kerbing it too much.

"You have worked hard all that week and you do not want it all to be thrown away by someone else. At the same time, you do not want to be the one who messes it up for the other two."

The McLaren Fl weighs 1,150kg, almost twice the weight of a Formula One car and is much more physically demanding to drive. But Blundell never sleeps at Le Mans.

"You are full of adrenalin, anyway, and there is no time to sleep," he says. "If you're going to drive properly, your body has to take on food and liquid regularly.

"You cannot wake from a deep sleep then get in a car and drive it at 200mph. You have got to be prepared for something like that."

HOW IT WORKS

Secrets of the modern battery

For maximum efficiency, conventional batteries need regular topping-up with distilled or deionised water. Maintenance-free batteries need no weekly checks. *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

When a conventional battery is being charged, the engine is running and the chemical reactions cause its solution of distilled water and sulphuric acid — the electrolyte — to gas or bubble up and the water evaporates. This needs to be replaced regularly. A 12-volt battery is made up of six separate two-volt cells, each consisting of sets of positive and negative lead plates, separated from each other by an insulating porous material, and alternately connected to the battery's positive and negative terminals. The cells are immersed in the water and sulphuric acid electrolyte.

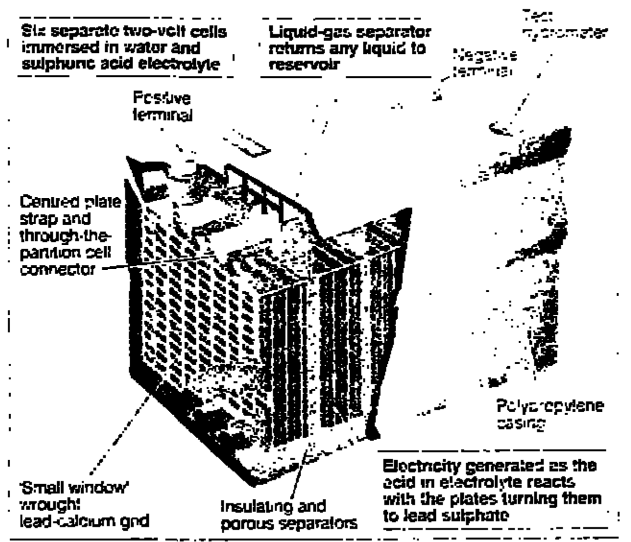
Electricity is generated as the acid in the electrolyte reacts with the plates, turning them to lead sulphate. Conventional batteries use plates made of lead-antimony and it is the antimony, a brittle metallic element, that causes the electrolyte to bubble and the distilled water to evaporate when being charged. The lead-calcium plates of maintenance-free batteries contain little or no antimony. So no bubbling.

With the engine running and the battery being charged, current which is slightly more powerful than that which the battery generates is passed back through the battery. This reverses the chemical process. In this way, build-up acid dissolves from the lead plates and makes the electrolyte stronger. The plates return to their original condition, ready once again to produce electricity.

Conventional batteries have a row of screw-top plugs along the top through which the distilled water is poured during a top-up, but the maintenance-free type has only a tiny vent hole. Some have a built-in hydrometer.

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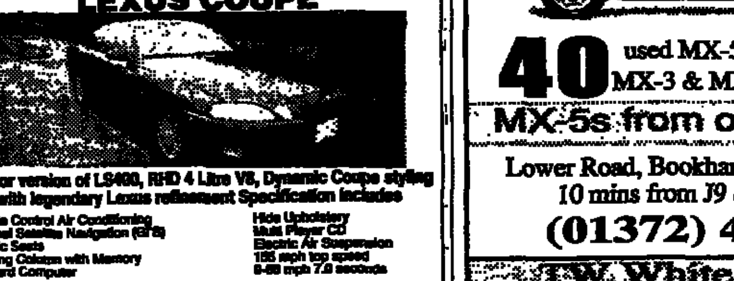
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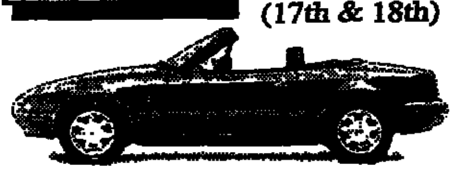
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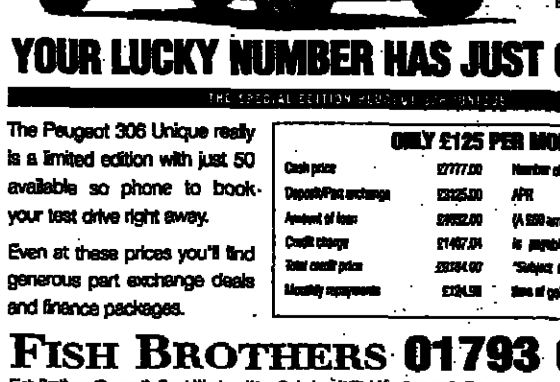
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Claire Evans on the end of a long adventure that turned into a testing voyage of self-discovery

Under pressure in the jungle

The thing about the Camel Trophy is the sting in the tail. The 20 national teams had successfully completed their 1,700km exploration of El Ruta del Maya and arrived in Xumantunich. But 30 hours of non-stop tasks lay ahead of them and for many these last two days turned out to be the most gruelling.

The heat was not as stifling as it had been at the start at Lamani, but many competitors had been weakened by dysentery during the convoy and were no longer at the peak of fitness. By the end of the first 24 hours, many wondered where they would find the strength to finish the special tasks.

Of the special tasks, the most impressive was the finale on the Mopan River. Competitors were split into two groups of 20 racing to haul a Land Rover Discovery from one side of the river to the other, first across fast-flowing rapids, then through water 12ft deep and finally on to the riverbank. No winching was allowed, so the task was carried out using a tow rope and brute force.

Despite fierce rivalry between teams, the camaraderie that had built up between them over the past weeks proved stronger. Instead of pushing their car over the finish line alone, the winners stopped and helped the runners-up to drag their vehicles to the same point so that both crossed the line simultaneously.

Finally, the torture was over. Team members collapsed sodden and exhausted on the riverbank. Meanwhile, an evening banquet and awards ceremony was being prepared on the plaza in front of El Castillo, Belize's 10m-high Mayan pyramid.

The competition results were announced. Victory on the special tasks and overall went to the first team ever to represent the Czech Republic. Zdenek Nemec and his teammate Marek Rocejdl were overjoyed with their win, but were too exhausted to celebrate for long. "I've never been so tired in all my life," said Nemec, a 33-year-old mechanical engineer.

The other equally coveted award, for team spirit, was won by a Russian duo — Pavel Bogomolov, a casino owner, and Sergei Fenev, a local administrator. This is the trophy voted on by all the team members and is awarded for capability, friendliness and sense of humour when under pressure. The British team came a creditable 12th.



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Though Mike Oxley and Rob Connor had gone to Central America determined to win, they were relieved just to have finished the event.

Camel Trophy is neither a race nor a rally but touches on both elements. Competitors be fit and capable of acquiring advanced off-road driving and vehicle maintenance skills, and must also learn to work as a team with the members of other nationalities against whom they compete. Almost every support driver in the event was a past competitor. Even the event director, Iain Chapman, who plans each year's expedition, also started as a UK team member in the 1987 Madagascar adventure.

While the team members will arrive home triumphant, the unsung heroes of Camel Trophy are Land Rover's four mechanics, who were permanently on call to repair vehicles. The main problem with the Land Rovers was that nuts and bolts on suspension, prop shafts and wheels shook so much on the rubble-strewn tracks in just 12 hours that they could fall off and cause an accident if not checked and tightened regularly. Thanks to reminders from the Land Rover team and checks on the vehicles, there were no accidents.

Three medical staff, led by Dr Mike Irani, looked after the teams. During the three and a half weeks, they treated countless bouts of heat exhaustion, dehydration, administered antidotes for spider bites and stitched a gash on the shin of one participant who had ripped his leg open on a fluvial rock.

During its 16-year history, the Camel Trophy has evolved into a more rounded event. This year was the first time it took on the theme of an ancient civilisation and joined in archaeological work to uncover new Mayan temples. However, as in past years it has also been a journey of self-discovery for the participants.

Mundo Maya was the most ambitious and probably the toughest 4x4 adventure so far, but it won't be the last. At the closing ceremony, Chapman accounced details of next year's expedition: a coast-to-coast crossing of Kalimantan, a jungle island in Indonesia.

● *To apply for the chance to take part next year, write to Camel Trophy 1996, PO Box 124, Staines, Middlesex TW18 4LL*

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Q But aren't these numbers dreadfully expensive?

A There is no need to pay N5ANE prices. It depends what number you are after. Those on sale through the above telephone line range in price from £229 to £2,999 and upwards. It is a bit like dealing in new shares: the prices are fixed according to demand.

Q So what would I get for my money?

A Byron Roberts, marketing manager for the DVLA's "sale of marks" section, says that the more unusual your initials, the more likely you are to find a bargain. N444XYV would cost you £229, but N1BOB would set you back £2,999.

Q I thought the most sought-after numbers were auctioned off?

A Quite right. Mr Roberts is just back from an auction in Harrogate which raised £2.7 million. Someone paid £20,000 for N1SHA (Nisha is a popular name for Asian women). The only way to discover if your preferred number is on the auction list is to phone tomorrow.

Q Do I have to pay a transfer fee if I buy one of these numbers?

A There is an £80 cherished number transfer fee, but if you are N1FTY and buy direct from the DVLA it is included in the price.

Q Who gets all the money out of this business?

A The tax man, of course. Since official sales of cherished numbers began in 1989 they have raised £170 million for the exchequer. But you have to admit it is more fun than writing a cheque to the N1AND Revenue.

Q So can I get a N1CER number for my treasured vintage car?

A Afraid not. The rules say you can't use a number that makes a car look younger than it really is. You can, however, buy a JOLLY old number for your new car.

Q How do I do that?

A The DVLA has announced that some numbers with the prefix letters A, H, J, K, L and M are still available and are usually cheaper than N registrations. If they do not include your favourite, go to one of the many dealers in cherished numbers — but that might cost LOADS of money.

Raring to go

A SALE of some outstanding vehicles by Brooks will be one of the features of the Goodwood Festival of Speed next weekend. They include a 1964 Formula One BRM driven by Graham Hill. Whoever finds the estimated £160,000 — £180,000 for the car could try it in competition immediately - it has been entered for the hillclimb event the following day.

● *Goodwood details: 01243 787766*

Mobility matters

THE Mobility Roadshow, the world's largest motor show for the disabled, is at the Transport Research Laboratory from July 14 — 16. After opening the show, the Queen will present the 500,000th vehicle provided for a disabled person by Motability.

● *Further details: 01344 770463*

Hearty exercise

A TEAM from *The Times and CAR 95* will be taking part in the British Heart Foundation's annual London — Brighton bicycle ride tomorrow. They will be using a number of bicycles supplied by carmakers. The result of this two-wheel test will appear next week.

Classic run

THERE are still entries available for the four-day Euro Classic run organised by the RAC's Motor Sports Association from September 9 — 12. The run follows a 700-mile non-competitive route from Kent to the Magny Cours French Grand Prix circuit near Nevers, France. It is open to cars made between 1905 and 1975 and other pre-1976 vehicles of special interest.

● *Further information details: 01753 681736*

Alan Copps on the national contest to find the best company car driver

Pace hots up in the heats

Steve Howe came third in last year's final of *The Times*-Lease Plan competition to find the Company Car Driver of the Year. But after winning this week's heat of the 1995 contest in Nottingham on Wednesday he confessed that he still had a lot to learn.

The hardest part was the classroom test, a combination of Highway Code questions and tricky situations illustrated by colour slides. "They really put you through it," said Steve. "You don't know what they are going to throw at you next. The test goes into much greater depth than the Highway Code does."

"They" are the examiners from Drive Tech, one of Britain's largest driver-training specialists. Drawn mainly from the ranks of former police driving instructors, they are dedicated to improving the standards of company car drivers and to erasing that old image of the tired rep who drives too far, too fast and with little care for other road users.

Howe, 29, of Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, covers thousands of miles a month in his job as a systems engineer for Bleasdale Computers, based in Lutterworth, Leicestershire, and he knows how wrong that view is.

"I'm really keen to prove that high-mileage drivers are not bad drivers," he said. To emphasise how seriously the Bleasdale company takes its driving, his colleague, Dave Lowden, ran him a very close second in many of the sections of the test. Third was Martin Pearson from Norking Aluminium in Doncaster, and fourth was the remaining member of the Bleasdale team, David Smith.



Steve Howe, third in last year's Lease Plan final and the winner of this week's heat

Mr Howe, used to driving a Vauxhall Astra GSi, made a happy transition to the latest Nissan Primera, which is being used by all entrants in the competition. He was especially impressed with its road-holding during the 40-minute drive in which his traffic skills were assessed, as he gave a running commentary on his route, concentrating on the potential hazards on and beside the road.

The £15,000, 2-litre, Primera SLX has an enviable reputation as one of the best cars in its sector, combining comfort for long-distance driving with performance to get round hold-ups. Chris Howell, Drive Tech's founder, believes that the high standard in the competition so far demonstrates that drivers improve when they are enjoying themselves.

The accent in the contest is on the pleasure of driving as well as on the skills and alertness required by the professional. Also included in the competition is a manouevring test through a pattern of cones, garages and parking bays. For this the car has a bowl mounted on the bonnet with a ball placed in it. Any excess of speed or braking power sees the ball bouncing across the track losing points as it goes.

"By making the public aware that there are such competitions it enables people to realise that high mileage drivers still have to get to their appointments safely through ever increasing traffic. If you set out nice and early it should be no problem," Howe said. His prize for winning the heat is a Lease Plan jacket and a bottle of champagne.

He joins David Gaskell, an industrial engineer with Pirelli Cables, who won the first heat in Oxford, to go through to the final at Silverstone in August. Another four heats are to be held in the next month to complete the selection of finalists who will face a rigorous examination both on and off the British Grand Prix circuit.

The winner of each regional heat goes through to the final together with the six other highest-scoring drivers.

For the eventual winner, there is the prospect of a two-week, all-expenses paid European touring holiday for two in a car provided by Nissan, and £500 in spending money.

Mr Steven Norris, road safety minister will present the prize at a dinner after the Silverstone final.

THE TIMES

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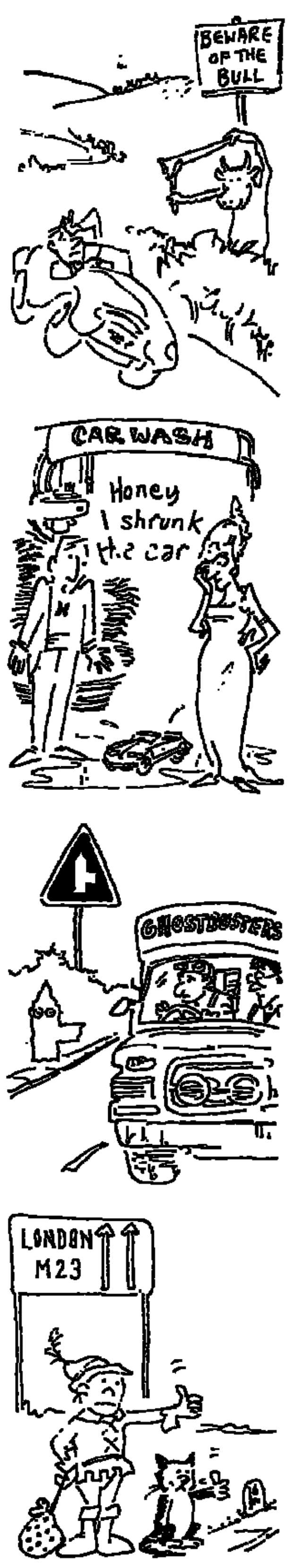
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GED MELLING

Why should collecting a new car from a dealer cost so much? **Vaughan Freeman** investigates

Charge that delivers a shock

Manufacturers are under attack for "ripping off" customers by levying exorbitant delivery charges, on average, £450 for every car sold.

Critics say the charges have little or nothing to do with the cost of bringing a car from factory to forecourt and called this week for them to be scrapped. Last year Britain's million or so private new-car buyers paid between £300 million and £400 million in *these charges alone.*

Fleet Management Services (FMS) calculates that delivery charges have risen twice as fast as the price of new cars, an increase of almost 31 per cent in the past three years, while new car prices have increased by 15 per cent.

Tony Coles, FMS operations director, said: "No other manufacturers charge the customer separately for the delivery of a product. You do not have a delivery charge for washing machines which are imported from Italy, or for computers *shipped in from Japan.*

"Motorists are paying through the nose for rocketing delivery charges, which are not revealed on the price list. If the manufacturers can offer items such as a 'free' sunroof, *electric windows and stereo, it* would be relatively simple to include 'free' delivery.

"There can be no justification for these delivery charges, which are exclusive to the automotive industry."

Andrew Wilkinson of industry analysts CAP Motor Research, claimed that delivery charges are rising at the rate of £1 a week.

Mr Wilkinson said the delivery charges have nothing to do with how far the car is transported: "It is more or less a technique used by the manu*facturers to hike car prices* without appearing to do so. The time has come either to scrap such charges or to come clean and include them in the sticker price of the cars so that everybody, not least the customer, knows exactly where *they stand. Imagine the up*roar if high street shops announced that on top of the retail list price for their video recorders and television sets, customers would also have to pay a £25 delivery charge."

FMS reports that in recent years, delivery charges have become increasingly uniform, regardless of whether the car is built in Britain, France, Germany, America or Japan. In 1992 delivery charges ranged from £246 to £400, a 63 per cent differential, while *today most charges range* between £400 and £485, only 21 per cent apart.

A look at the delivery *charges levied illustrates the* apparent discrepancies. A Ford buyer living in Essex will pay the same £445 delivery charge whether the car is a £26,000 Scorpio from Germany, a £17,000 Probe from America, or a £7,500 Fiesta built in Dagenham, Essex. A Nissan built in Tyne & Wear costs the same £445 to deliver as a Nissan from Japan, and Peugeot charges £420 whether the car comes from France or from Coventry.

The manufacturers say the *delivery charge covers admin*istration, and the cost of transporting cars from all over the world. It is an average cost, *they say,* which reflects the different expenses of delivering different cars from different factories.

A Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders official said: "The trouble is that the delivery charge is perceived solely as the cost of putting a car on a transporter and delivering it to a showroom. But it covers much more. If it is an imported vehicle it will cover the cost of transport over a longer delivery distance, paperwork, preparing the car *and taking off the wax used to* protect them in transit."

Alan Pulham of the National Franchised Dealers Association said manufacturers imposed the delivery charge and dealers took between 5 and 15 per cent of it. "The charge is part of the manufacturer's pricing equation. It has the benefit of being completely transparent; people know what they are paying for."

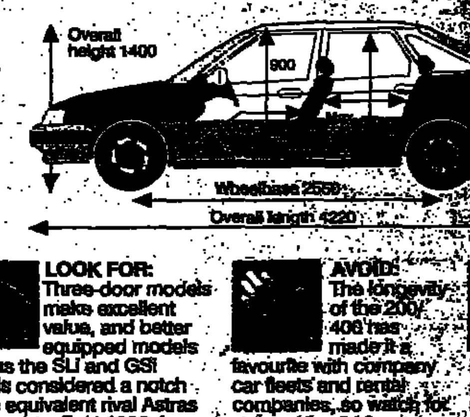
As for the argument that cars built in Britain should cost less to deliver than imported cars, he said: "Importers such as Ford price the *delivery charge from the point* of landing. That is honest."

USED CAR BRIEF



ROVER 200/400

Rovers 200 hatch-back and the 400 booted version were built in [illegible] with former partners Honda and the mix of English [illegible] reliability did much to revive the Rover reputation. The 200 was [illegible] October 1989 in five-door form with 1.4-litre K-Series Rover engine [illegible] SLi trim, and 1.6-litre Honda-engined GSi. The 400 came six months [illegible] followed by the three door, and the convertible and coupe in 1992. Later additions included the 1.8-litre Peugeot diesel.



GOOD NEWS: The Rover 200/400 has built a solid reputation for mechanical reliability and the engines, whether Honda or K-Series Rover, are sophisticated and, for example the 1.4-litre, powerful. Small car, big car personality. Highly specified models enjoy English-Rover feel of wood and leather.

BAD NEWS: Brakes can suffer from judder and vibration, and hesitant electric windows indicate risk of future failure. Seats may begin to sag if the car has suffered heavy use.

LOOK FOR: Three-door models make excellent value, and better equipped models such as the SLi and GSi models considered a notch above equivalent rival Astras and Escorts. Post 1992 J-reg models, which got new grille, make sense, as do cars with power steering which became standard on all models from June 1993.

AVOID: The longevity of the 200/400 has made it a favourite with company car fleets and rental companies, so watch for stone-chipped front bonnet and grille; a sure sign of high, fast motorway mileage, and juddering clutches.

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REPLACEMENT PARTS: (Prices include VAT): clutch assembly £175; full exhaust £310; front damper £65; rear damper £60; front brakepads £65; alternator £75; starter motor (exchange) £80; tyre £40.

PRICE RANGE: Expect to pay around £3,750 for a 1990 H-reg 214i three-door; £7,250 for a 1994 L-reg 214 i five-door; £7,750 for a 1993 K-reg 218 SLD turbo diesel; £4,000 for a 1990 G-reg 414 SLi four door, and £9,000 for a 1994 L-reg 420 SLi four door.

INSURANCE RATING: Cover from AA Insurance (0800 444777) on a 1991 J-reg Rover 214 SLi will cost a 55-year old professional, male or female, with full no claims bonus, living in Winchester, £165 a year fully comprehensive. A 22-year old male living in London with [illegible] one year's no claims bonus will pay £1,018 fully comprehensive, and a similar female will pay £914.

OVERALL: [illegible] Years [illegible] solid reputation [illegible] prices [illegible] to equivalent [illegible] makes, but [illegible] [illegible] rather than average [illegible]

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Stonehenge: druids and others still gather here to celebrate the summer solstice

The mid-west of England might lack the breathtaking, wide-open spaces of its American counterpart, but it probably contains a greater range of attractions than any other region in the country: cathedrals, caves, a prehistoric temple and a wildlife park.

This tour through Wiltshire, Somerset and a corner of Dorset — West Wessex to give the region its ancient name — includes them all while avoiding the main tourist routes.

It starts in Salisbury, where the elegant cathedral is set in the biggest close in the country, with buildings dating from the 13th century.

The route out of the city takes you further back in time, to Old Sarum, the original settlement where the foundations of a Norman cathedral and castle lie within an Iron Age fort, and then to Woodhenge and Stonehenge.

Woodhenge had six concentric rings of timber posts surrounded by a ditch and was a Neolithic precursor to Stonehenge, where druids will gather at first light on Wednesday morning to celebrate the summer solstice. The exact significance of the first rays of the rising sun striking the altar stone remains a mystery, but that is part of the attraction of this most famous prehistoric monument with its 20ft high, 26-ton stones.

The road to Warminster crosses the edge of Salisbury Plain and a detour leads to Longleat, the Marquis of Bath's stately home cum fun park. The best way to see it is to follow the signs along country lanes to the wildlife park. You will suddenly find yourself among giraffes, and can leave the car to admire them before climbing back inside and shutting all the windows as you enter enclosures with monkeys, lions and leopards. The big cats look menacing but seldom are, whereas monkeys are expert at dismantling aerials and windscreen wipers. The road winds down throught the park to the grand house.

Our tour moves on to Frome, a market town with steep, narrow streets, then to Wells, the smallest city in England, with a wonderful cathedral. Its west front, with 293 sculptures, is matched by the marvels inside.

From the cathedral to caves, as the route heads for Wookey Hole, which can be explored on a guided tour with spectacular lighting, and Cheddar, its rugged gorge leading down to two magnificent show caves which are not unlike cathedrals themselves.

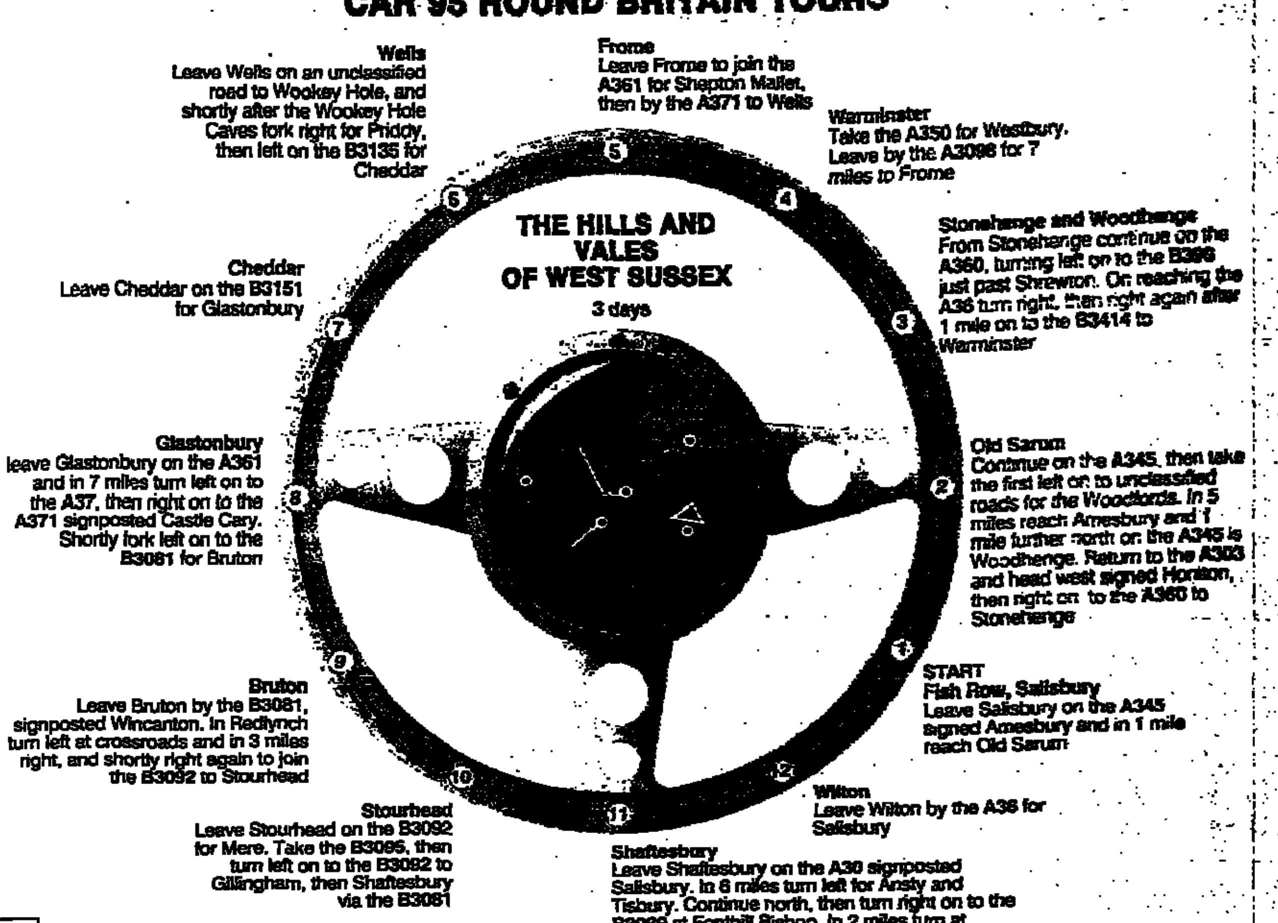
A contrasting series of hill-top features marks the next sector of the route. The chapel on Glastonbury Tor dates from AD 179 and is thought to be the site of Avalon, King Arthur's final resting place.

The small tower on the hill outside Bruton is, in fact, the dovecote of a former abbey. At Stourhead, the temple above the lake is one of several follies in a splendid garden.

We next travel on to Dorset to include Shaftesbury, 700ft high, with a steep lane of *thatched cottages called Gold* Hill, which must appear on more Olde Englande calendars than any other street, and on to Wilton House, remodelled by Inigo Jones in the 17th century and containing a world-famous collection of paintings.

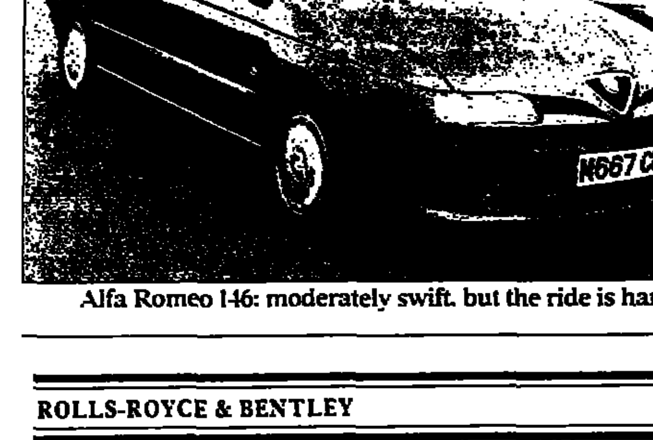
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THE MAJOR problem for the new Alfa Romeo 146 is that it is grouped in a market sector known as the C-segment, along with everyday cars such as the Ford Escort, Vauxhall Astra, Rover 200, VW Golf and Renault 19.

These models accounted for 32 per cent of car sales last year, but the sector is one in which buyers opt for the familiar, so Alfa Romeo does not expect the 146 to gain more than 0.5 per cent of that market (fewer than 3,000 sales a year).

This is a pity because Alfa Romeo has set out to broaden its narrow appeal; the practicality, comfort and aggressive pricing of the marque have been considered, as well as performance, handling and style, for which Alfa is traditionally renowned.

Alfa went to the extent of redesigning everything from the A-pillar of the three-door 145 to the back of the car. The original car's slim headlights and beaky nose integrate more naturally with the sleek coupé-like profile and notchback boot than with the boxy three-door body.

Underneath the captivating new body are the same chassis and mechanicals as the 145. There are three models to choose from, and two delightful engines; a 1.6-litre flat four and a more powerful 1.7-litre 16-valver, both of which make that wonderful rorty sound typical of an Alfa Boxer-engine.

The 1.6 and 1.7 are moderately swift and enjoy, or rather, require full use of the revs to extract the best performance. It is a shame that the gearchange is so unpleasant to use. Alfa has improved the rubbery feel of early 145s, but the action is still notchy.

Another disappointment is the ride. Though forgivable in the sporty three-door 145, a fidgety, hard ride in a family five-door car such as the 146 is not really acceptable.

Practicality and comfort are great improvements over earlier Alfas. Beneath the notchback door is a capacious boot with a useful split-folding rear seat standard across the range, and the driving position is vastly improved.

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Oliver Holt gets a taste of the Le Mans magic as Mark Blundell tests his McLaren F1 sports racer for today's event

Hitch hiker's guide to the 24-hours

The pit crew were laughing, the team manager seemed worried and a faint smile played over Mark Blundell's face. Then the door of the Gulf Racing McLaren F1 GTR car that Blundell will drive in the Le Mans 24-hour race that starts today banged shut.

It may be the most expensive road car in the world, retailing at more than £1 million, but in race trim the McLaren F1 is not meant for more than one person. As a special favour, however, I had been squeezed into an alcove behind Blundell's left shoulder, during a break in testing at the Pembrey circuit in south Wales, my helmeted head wedged fast between the roll bar and some other unidentified piece of metal.

Then Blundell turned my vague apprehension into outright fear. "Can't you move your head at all?" he asked. I tried to shake it, but the helmet would not move, and suddenly I had visions of a crashing car and snapping bones. It was only when he promised he would take it easy that I really feared the worst.

Partnering Derek Warwick and Yannick Dalmas, Blundell won Le Mans for Peugeot in 1991. He knows what he is doing in a sports car and, of course, he did not put a foot wrong. The car exploded into life in the pits, its V12 engine, which produces 636bhp, howling in anticipation before the car hurtled down the Park Straight.

The acceleration and the braking took my breath away. On the first flying lap, we hit 150mph on the straight, then when it seemed too late to brake for a hairpin bend, he hit the pedal, his left hand rising into the periphery of my view, fighting the wheel. It did the trick. My head had been jerked free.

We did three more laps like this, accelerating and braking so fast that my stomach did not know whether to jump through the windscreen or rush out in a panic through my back, using the kerbs to get maximum momentum, seeing the track flying past as my helmet shook and then those hands again shaking on the wheel. When we pulled back to the pits, the crew reported that Blundell had set his quickest time of the day, 58.2 seconds, on the penultimate lap.

He will partner Ray Bellm and Maurizio Sala at Le Mans. His team mates have already had a string of successes in endurance races this season but there are worries about the reliability of the McLaren F1 over 24 hours and about its comparative lack of straight-line speed. At about 190mph, it drags behind some of its main competitors.

There is a strong field at Le Mans this year, too. Mario Andretti, driving a Porsche for the French Courage team, will be trying to become the second man since Graham Hill to win a Formula One world championship, the Indianapolis 500 and the 24-hour race. Derek Bell will be attempting to equal Jacky Ickx's record six wins and several grand prix drivers are also competing in the event.

> 'You do not want to be the one who messes up'

Blundell, who is 29, began the season with Le Mans as his only real target. But after the trials and tribulations that befell Mansell, he has also driven four times for McLaren-Mercedes in Formula One and performed well enough to deserve to be given the drive for the rest of the year. But he still counts his win at Le Mans in the Peugeot four years ago as the pinnacle of his career. "Le Mans is something special," he says. "You are there for a week, so you build up a rapport with the rest of the team. You are driving with other people, too, not just for yourself, which adds extra pressure but also gives you extra satisfaction."

Each driver will race in stints of about two hours before they hand over to the next man. Winning the race is about speed but also conservation of tyres and vital mechanical parts as they come under the unprecedented strain.

Blundell says: "Every driver in the team has to be careful not to go out there and try to do sensational lap times. That is difficult for a racing driver to do. You have to tell the others if they are being excessive with the brakes, too hard with the gearbox or kerbing it too much.

"You have worked hard all that week and you do not want it all to be thrown away by someone else. At the same time, you do not want to be the one who messes it up for the other two."

The McLaren F1 weighs 1,150kg, almost twice the weight of a Formula One car and is much more physically demanding to drive. But Blundell never sleeps at Le Mans.

"You are full of adrenalin, anyway, and there is no time to sleep," he says. "If you're going to drive properly, your body has to take on food and liquid regularly.

"You cannot wake from a deep sleep then get in a car and drive it at 200mph. You have got to be prepared for something like that."

MARC ASPLAND



Mark Blundell, Le Mans competitor, pushes the McLaren F1 sports car to the limit while Oliver Holt wonders what's happening with his helmet

HOW IT WORKS

Secrets of the modern battery

For maximum efficiency, conventional batteries need regular topping-up with distilled or deionised water. Maintenance-free batteries need no weekly checks, *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

When a conventional battery is being charged, the engine is running and the chemical reactions cause its solution of distilled water and sulphuric acid — the electrolyte — to gas or bubble up and the water evaporates. This needs to be replaced regularly. A 12-volt battery is made up of six separate two-volt cells, each consisting of sets of positive and negative lead plates, separated from each other by an insulating porous material, and alternately connected to the battery's positive and negative terminals. The cells are immersed in the water and sulphuric acid electrolyte.

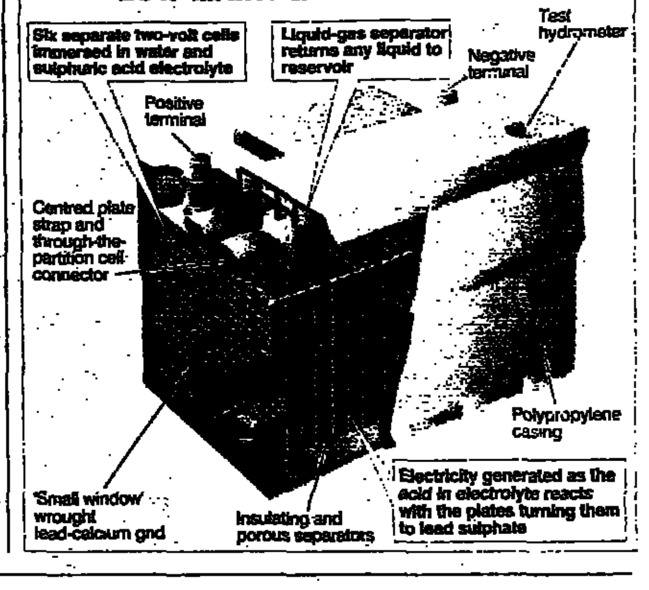
Electricity is generated as the acid in the electrolyte reacts with the plates, turning them to lead sulphate. Conventional batteries use plates made of lead-antimony, and it is the antimony, a brittle metallic element, that causes the electrolyte to bubble and the distilled water to evaporate when being charged. The lead-calcium plates of maintenance-free batteries contain little or no antimony. So, no bubbling.

With the engine running and the battery being charged, current which is slightly more powerful than that which the battery generates is passed back through the battery. This reverses the chemical process. In this way, built-up acid dissolves from the lead plates and makes the electrolyte stronger. The plates return to their original condition, ready once again to produce electricity.

Conventional batteries have a row of screw-top plugs along the top through which the distilled water is poured during a top-up, but the maintenance-free type has only a tiny vent hole. Some have a built-in hydrometer.

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WEEKEND

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RICHARD MORRISON: BRITAIN'S OCEANS OF INSPIRATION



Only one ritual in my childhood matched the sublime expectation of Christmas Eve. It was always in high summer, and we had driven for hours, five of us, crammed in the Austin. We kids were thirsty, sticky, fractious, tired of watching the caravan that had preceded us down the A23 like a fat headmistress, blocking our race down the corridor to the tuck shop.

Then somebody would squeal: "I can see the sea!" There would inevitably be a prolonged dispute about whether it was sea, sky or smog rising over Brighton. But even in this argument there was fierce joy. Already we could taste the mussels, smell the sickly-sweet bouquet of candyfloss in the wind. We could hear the scrunch of the shingle shifting under the waves, and feel the salty lash of spray from the short but never-to-be-forgotten ride in a speedboat — one shilling a go, from the pier where ancient fishermen sat glumly in their blue serge sweaters and never spoke or moved.

Today, 50 years after the premiere of the greatest of all "sea" operas, *Peter Grimes*, we celebrate British seas, the British seaside and, particularly, those who have sought to capture maritime glory in their music, art and writing. Their inspiration comes from the infinite diversity of Britain's coasts. I love the pungent Cornish fishing ports, snugly concealed below their toppling labyrinths of alleys; and the vast, flat horizon of the Norfolk marshes, where a stiff north-easterly, even in midsummer, can cut into the skin like a whetted knife; and the brave Cal-Mac ferry battering towards the saucy quayside of Tobermory on the Isle of Mull; and the weekend armada of bobbing yachts tacking out of the Falmouth Roads; and even the neat chastity of Eastbourne.

Yes, even Eastbourne has an unexpected power to inspire. After all, was it not in this sedate Sussex resort that Debussy finished composing his epic seascape, *La Mer*? I draw the line only at Hove, but I dare say that Hove has its admirers too.

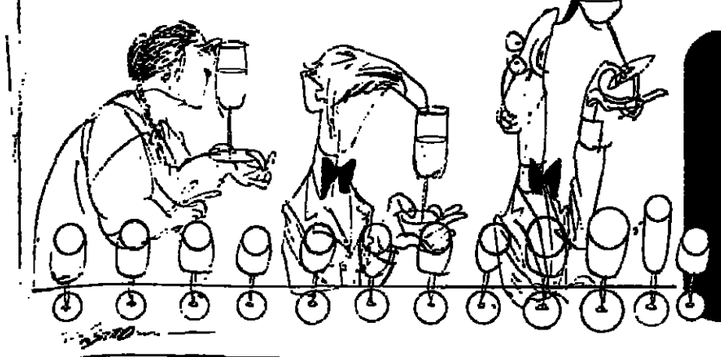
There is nothing unusual in any of this, of course. As a Polish seaman called Joseph Conrad once observed: in England, "men and sea interpenetrate". I don't say that an infatuation with the sea is deep in every British psyche. Benjamin Disraeli famously "never saw the use of the sea", and I fear that there are politicians around today who would, given the necessary clearance from the Almighty, drain the Channel and build a ten-lane motorway from the Lizard to the Hook of Holland, turning the Isle of Wight into a gigantic cash-and-carry warehouse as they pass.

But let us not dwell on such hapless, landlocked creatures. What I have learnt in the three decades since my boyhood epiphanies on the A23 is this: you don't necessarily have to go to the coast at all to satisfy your sea-lust.

In fact, some would argue that it is actually better not to do so. The amusement arcades are always tackier than you recalled, the piers more wrecked, the fishermen and boarding-house ladies more broke; the Channel even colder to the naked toe. Whereas this seaside-craving thing can often be satisfied perfectly well at second-hand — through the imaginations of composers, writers and painters. For just as the idealised memory of the seaside is

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CHOICE

Planning to see a show or a film, an exhibition or a concert? *The Times* critics select the best entertainment



JORIS JAN BOS

NDT 2, the second company of the Netherlands Dance Theatre, combine inventive choreography and athleticism in two programmes at Sadler's Wells, London (see Dance — below)

OPERA

Rodney Milnes

STIFFELIO: Two of Verdi's most personal, deeply-felt operas are being performed on successive evenings. Elijah Moshinsky's superb production of *Stiffelio*, about a clergyman publicly forgiving his erring wife (a handy tissue is recommended), launches the Royal Opera's Verdi Festival. Powerful performances from Catherine Malfitano, Anthony Michaels-Moore and promising newcomer José Cura, and great conducting by Sir Edward Downes. Don't miss.
Royal Opera House, Bow St, London WC2 (0171-304 4000), Tues 20, 7.30pm.

LA TRAVIATA: Welsh National Opera's stunning revival of Verdi's furious attack on polite society's attitude to those who stray from its idea of the straight and narrow. Young Nuccia Focile's first Violetta is sensational, beautifully sung and searingly acted, and she is vibrantly partnered by her real-life husband, Paul Charles Clarke, as Alfredo. Carlo Rizzi is at his brightest in the pit.
North Wales Theatre, The Promenade, Llandudno (01492 872000), Wed 21, 7.15pm.

THEATRE

Benedict Nightingale

TWELFTH NIGHT: Ian Judge's production has been criticised for failing to explore the darker recesses of Shakespeare's Illyria. But, with Emma Fielding as a touching, plucky Viola, Desmond Barrit as a puritan Malvolio with a grim, squashed-cabbage face, and good-humoured laughter everywhere, that seems an ungrateful reaction to a revival enjoyable enough in itself to incite mass demonstrations against the RSC's threatened exit from our London summers.



Desmond Barrit strikes a pose in *Twelfth Night*

Barbican, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (0171-638 8891). Evenings: tonight, Wed 21, Thur 22, 7.15pm; matinées: today, Thur 22, 2pm. Continues in repertoire.

THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE: Despite the odd foray into outrageous caricature ("drink my bathwater!"), Frank Marcus's picture of a lesbian marriage on the rocks seems as wise, witty and melancholy a comedy as it did in 1965. That is largely due to Miriam Margolyes, who clomps tweedily about in sensible shoes and proves both moving and funny as the butch actress about to be dumped from a Mummerset radio serial.
Ambassadors, West St, London WC2 (0171-836 6111). Evenings: Mon to Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm; matinées: Thur, 3pm; Sat, 5.30pm.

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FILMS

Geoff Brown

JEFFERSON IN PARIS (12): As expected, Merchant Ivory's film cannot be faulted for period display. Authentic locations, sumptuous costumes and props all set the scene for Thomas Jefferson's five years as ambassador to France in the 1780s. Nick Nolte looks the part, though given James Ivory's usual way with emotions you have to guess at the tumults within that prompt America's future president to flirt with a married woman, cling obsessively to his eldest daughter and father children with one of his slaves. With Greta Scacchi and Thandie Newton.
Odeon Leicester Square (01426 915683).

SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION (15): Hats off to a film that entertains, never mangles its distinguished source (the play by John Guare), and gives film audiences something to think about. As on stage, Stockard Channing shines in the role of Ouisa, the smart New Yorker who bears the brunt of the upheaval caused by an imposter claiming to be Sidney Poitier's son. Director Fred Schepisi skilfully orchestrates the cut-and-thrust of comedy, pathos and philosophical debate; and if Will Smith's imposter loses some of his mystery, the camera's tour of New York's high and low life provides compensation. With Donald Sutherland.
Barbican (0171-638 8891); **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323); **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636). **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527); **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332).

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JAZZ

Clive Davis

ANDRE PREVIN/CEDAR WALTON: How would Herbert von Karajan have reacted to the news that Deutsche Grammophon was about to venture into jazz? The project is in the capable hands of André Previn, who looks to Broadway on his collection of Jerome Kern's music from *Show Boat*, due to be released on Monday. At the City of London Festival, as on the album, he will be accompanied by Ray Brown, Mundell Lowe and Grady Tate. Incandescent hard bop is the quality most often associated with the pianist Cedar Walton. Yet there is a more reflective side to his work, as he demonstrated last year in his R & B-based, small-group arrangements on *Mystery Lady*. Etta James's tribute to Billie Holiday.
***Previn:* Barbican Centre**, London EC2 (0171-638 8891), Thur 22, 7.30pm; **St David's Hall**, Cardiff (01222 371236), Thur 29; **Symphony Hall**, Birmingham (0121-212 3333), Fri 30; **Colston Hall**, Bristol (0117 922 3686), Sun July 2.
***Walton:* Ronnie Scott's**, Frith St, London W1 (071-439 0747), Mon June 19 to Sat July 1.

JAZZ PASSENGERS/CLAIRE MARTIN: Elvis Costello's Meltdown festival opens with the anarchic, multi-disciplinary Jazz Passengers, one of the trendsetters from New York's downtown scene. With the former Lounge Lizards' trombonist Curtis Fowlkes at the helm, the group plays everything from Latin to free jazz, and will be joined by guest vocalist Deborah Harry. Slightly more conventional vocal styles are explored by Claire Martin, long acknowledged as one of the half-dozen outstanding talents to come out of this country since the jazz revival of the 1980s.
***Jazz Passengers:* Festival Hall**, South Bank, London SE1 (0171-928 8800), Fri 23, 8pm; **Town Hall**, Birmingham (0121-605 6666), Sat 24, 8pm.
***Martin:* Ronnie Scott's**, Broad St, Birmingham (0121-643 4525), Mon 19 to Sat 24, 9.15pm and 11pm.

CLASSICAL

Richard Morrison

ALDEBURGH FESTIVAL: A highlight of the second week will be the European premiere, tomorrow afternoon, of a horn concerto written last year by one of the festival's directors, Oliver Knussen. It is good to see Knussen, whose immense talent has sometimes been channelled into too many non-compositional activities, in creative mode again. The concerto, to be played by the virtuoso Barry Tuckwell and the Philharmonia Orchestra, was glowingly reviewed on its premiere in Japan.
Snape Maltings Concert Hall, Snape, Suffolk (01728 453543), tomorrow, 4pm.

OFFICIUM: A musical phenomenon of our times is the "hit" classical record — Nigel Kennedy's *Four Seasons*; the chanting monks; Gorécki — that sells massively despite the critics' views, rather than because of them. The bizarre but beguiling *Officium* is different. Open-minded critics were as pleasantly startled as the public by this curious alliance on CD of the all-male Hilliard Ensemble singing medieval motets, and the Norwegian jazz saxophonist Jan Garbarek, who weaves improvisations of weird soulfulness around the ancient polyphony. Under Wren's resonant dome a concert performance should sound very ethereal and New Age.
St Paul's Cathedral, London EC4 (tickets from the Barbican, 0171-638 8891), Wed 21, 8pm.



Oliver Knussen will conduct his horn concerto at Aldeburgh

DANCE

John Percival

NDT 2: Some of the world's best young dancers struggle to be accepted into this company, the recruiting ground for Jiří Kylián's famed Netherlands Dance Theatre. On a rare visit to London they bring two programmes. The first includes Kylián's *Un Ballo* to music by Ravel, Hans Van Manen's *Two*, and works by young choreographers Paul Lightfoot and Gideon Obarzanek. The latter has another work on Programme Two, together with one by the French choreographer Lionel Hoche, and Kylián's marvellously inventive *Stamping Ground*.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (0171-713 6000). Programme One: June 19 to June 21 and June 29 to July 1; Programme Two: June 22 to June 24 and June 26, 27, 28, all at 8pm; matinée July 1, 3pm.

FOREVER TANGO: The tango needs such precision and passion that its dancers tend to come in couples, and the formula of gathering together several established partnerships has proved popular. This incarnation of the idea has just run for a year in San Francisco; it arrives in London for a three month run. The dancers, singers and musicians are from Argentina.
Strand Theatre, London WC2 (0171-930 8800). Previewing now; opens Tuesday. Tues-Sats, 8pm, except June 20, 7pm. Matinées: Thurs and Sats, 3pm; Suns, 4pm.

ART

Richard Cork

VENICE BIENNALE: The grand old jamboree of modern art celebrates its centenary this year. And Jean Clair, the first foreign director to be appointed, organises a gargantuan survey of art and the human body at the Palazzo Grassi. Starting in 1895, it emphasises the most distressing and vulnerable aspects of the chosen scene. Self-portraits by Beckmann, Dix and Bonnard stand out, while British painters, from Bacon to Kossoff, are strongly represented. As our official representative, Kossoff reappears at full-stretch in the British pavilion. So does Bill Viola, a master of video, who transforms the American pavilion into a virtuoso exploration of *Buried Secrets*. The Aperto section for young artists is abolished, giving the Biennale a retrospective air. But young British artists are well represented in the Scuola di San Pasquale, with a round-up of mixed media work.
Palazzo Grassi and other locations in Venice, until October 15 (press office: 003941 521 8009).

DEACON AND SCHUTTE: Collaboration between artists is rare nowadays, but the Lisson Gallery is now showing the fruitful result of an Anglo-German alliance. Richard Deacon and Thomas Schütte may not have much in common. Deacon makes abstract sculpture with, at best, indirect references to the natural and industrial worlds. Schutter models grotesque figurines, sometimes reminiscent of Dix and Grosz and then photographs them. Both men show their work separately at the Lisson, but in the main gallery they join forces with playful, enjoyable results.
Lisson Gallery, 52-54 Bell Street, London NW1 (0171-724 2739), until July 1.

HOUSE

John Russell Taylor

APSLEY HOUSE: Although the Duke of Wellington's house was known in his day as "Number One, London", it has, curiously, not been one of the better known museums since it opened as the Wellington Museum in 1952. Closed for a complete renovation since January 1992, the results of its conservators' labours can at last be seen. The splendid collection of art, all too little known, has been conserved and replaced: now the imposing Spanish paintings by Velázquez, Murillo and Goya, as well as fine Dutch, Flemish, and 19th-century British, can be relished to the full in the context Wellington created for them.
Apsley House, Hyde Park Corner, London W1 (0171-499 5676), Tues-Sun, 11am-5pm. Admission £3, Concessions £1.50.

EELS, PIE AND MASH: Traditional Cockney eel, pie and mash shops, which preceded fish and chips as a popular source of nourishment, are a mystery even to many who would consider themselves Londoners. The photographer Chris Clunn, who was brought up on them, has for the past six years been assiduously documenting those that remain, and his 60 black-and-white photographs are striking testimony to the vitality of the tradition. Since Clunn is a portrait photographer, as one might expect the people are as exciting and extraordinary as the places. Visitors may even be tempted to try the real thing.



Slippery work: women in a London eel, pie and mash shop

Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (0171-600 0807), Tues-Sat, 10am-5.50pm; Sunday, noon-5.50pm, until October 1.

POP

David Sinclair

BON JOVI: Although written off as hopelessly old-hat when the grunge revolution was in full swing, Bon Jovi have outgunned the young turks and emerged stronger than ever. Their "greatest hits" compilation, *Cross Road*, was the biggest-selling album in Britain last year and on Monday they unleash their latest blockbuster, *These Days*. Their heavy rock sound may have all the flavour of processed cheese, but their live shows are barnstorming displays. Support on these stadium dates is Van Halen, a heavy metal dinosaur, yet touting a surprisingly good new album, *Balance*.
National Ground, Cardiff Arms Park (01222 390111), June 21; **Wembley Stadium**, Middlesex (0181-900 1234), June 23, 24, 25; **Gateshead International Stadium**, Tyne and Wear (0191 478 1687), June 27; **Don Valley Stadium**, Sheffield (0114 256 0607), June 28.

GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL: It is too late to buy a ticket, but thanks to Radio 1 and Channel 4, who will both be broadcasting live from the festival site, nobody need miss out on the rock performance event of the year. Now celebrating its 25th anniversary, the festival features 1,000 or so artists performing on 17 stages. The Stone Roses have dropped out of the bill, but joining the other headliners — Oasis and the Cure — will be virtually every act that is out on the road this month, including the Black Crowes, Elastica, PJ Harvey, Simple Minds, Belly, Jamiroquai, Jeff Buckley, Everything But The Girl, the Boo Radleys, Urge Overkill, the Saw Doctors, the Verve, Offspring, Sleeper, Soul Asylum, Orbital, Tricky and many, many more.
Worthy Farm, Pilton, Shepton Mallet, Somerset (0839 668896), June 23, 24, 25.
Channel 4: Friday 23: 6pm-6.30pm; 11.10pm-1.10am; Saturday 24: 3.45pm-5.05pm; 10pm-1am; Sunday 25: 1.15pm-3.30pm; 6.05pm-7pm; 10.55pm-12.30am.
Radio 1: Thursday 22: 10pm-midnight (Mark Radcliffe); Friday 23: 10pm-1am (John Peel); Saturday 24: 2pm-midnight (Johnnie Walker and John Peel); Sunday 25: 2am-4am (Annie Nightingale); 1pm-1am (the Cure, live, and highl

Summoned by the morris men's jingling bells

Ruth Gledhill tries to stay in perfect step with an annual gathering



WHOEVER suggested that Morris dancing was too pagan for an Anglican parish had plainly forgotten that the founder of Christianity was the original Lord of the Dance. We watched as nearly 200 brightly-dressed morris men, bells jingling, strode through Thaxted and into church. But even the vanguard of solemn clergy in red and white pentecostal vestments, clouds of incense competing with the late spring flowers, could not completely dispel the idea of pagan fertility rites thought to lie behind the modern morris dance.

Accompanied by their musicians, fools and "animals" — the Thaxted "Skilton" or hobby-horse and the Westminster Unicorn nibbling the necks of startled onlookers — the 20 "sides" of morris men from around Britain were in Thaxted for the annual meeting of the Morris Ring, their national association.

Symbols on their costumes indicated the teams' origins: the Westminster morris men had a portcullis, part of the Westminster coat of arms, on their waistcoats, and the Thaxted side were in red and white, symbols of the ancient local weaving industry.

The Ring meeting coincided with the three-week Thaxted festival, founded by Gustav Holst, a former church organist there. The festival included an afternoon of "gentle, funny and frightening" tales from the Fens, and a display of the Abbotts Bromley Horn dance, a combination of fertility and hunting rituals, where the morris men are accompanied by a "Betty", a man dressed as a woman.

Although there were no Bettys in church, Thaxted exemplifies how Christianity can adapt and use pre-Christian ritual to its own ends. Many of the dancers are active churchmen. The morris man swinging the censer, Joe Hobbs, doubles up as churchwarden. The four servers bearing candles and a cross, and the MC in "cotta" or small surplice and cassock, were all morris men. As well as an offertory hymn, *Sing to Him in Whom Creation Found its Shape and Origin*, we had an offertory dance. A performance at once sober and lively, the morris dancers waved handkerchiefs and danced perfect steps across the crossing, after which we were asked not to applaud.

The church ritual, like the dancers' steps, was high. Our preacher, the Rev Paul James, wore a biretta in the procession, the Bible was censed before the gospel reading and the servers faced the high altar for the first half of the service.

The sound of tinkling bells indicated a morris dancer on his way to the lectern to read from Exodus: "The sound of the trumpet became louder and louder. Moses spoke and the Lord answered him with thunder," he said, the rain drumming louder on the church roof as he read.

Father James, not surprisingly, took dancing as his theme for his sermon. "*Perichoresis* is the Greek word for dancing," he said. "It is the word used by the Greek fathers of the church to describe the relationship of the Holy Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They dance around in the mystery of the Holy Spirit. It is the only way to make sense of the central mystery of Christian dogma."

He said the idea of dance "spills out" from this mystery into the world, and said all Christians should worship and respond accordingly. Dance, like faith, engendered dependency, joy and gracefulness. Father James confessed how, in his first parish, he nevertheless always wore a cassock at social functions to avoid having to take to the floor himself. Describing how he was dipped in the waters on a recent visit to Lourdes in France, he said: "It reconciled again that gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord of Life, dancing again." We prayed for all dancers everywhere before moving on through communion and bowing out with grace at the end.

Sung Mass at St John the Baptist Church, Thaxted, Essex. Tel: 01371 830221.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Lords of the dance: morris men performing outside St John the Baptist Church, Thaxted, Essex

AT YOUR SERVICE

★ A one to five star ★ guide to the service

- ☐ VICAR: The Rev Richard Rowe.
- ☐ ARCHITECTURE: Late Perpendicular. Work began in 1340 and took 170 years to complete. Described by John Betjeman as "joyful and uplifting". ★★★★
- ☐ SERMON: Weaves and spins around the need for grace, dance and dependency. ★★★★
- ☐ MUSIC: Excellent choir with two women cantors who sang Psalm 121 arranged by Angus MacDonald, the organist, whose playing during our many traditional hymns was pleasurably languid. ★★★★
- ☐ LITURGY: Rite A of the 1980 alternative service book. ★★
- ☐ AFTER-SERVICE CARE: Morris men memorabilia exhibition at the Guild Hall nearby. Coffee and tea served most Sundays. ★★
- ☐ SPIRITUAL HIGH: Taking one step at a time, we danced the service away. ★★★★

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a small but vital thread running through the fabric of the British character, so the sea is an essential theme of British culture:

Mull was a-stern, Rum on the port,
Eigg on the starboard bow;
Glory of youth glowed in his soul,
Where is that glory now?

That glory, as Robert Louis Stevenson knew full well, is in the fable and song that he and others spun out of the cliffs and ships, the beaches and ports. You can see it in the romance of the sand sculptures that Mark Anderson lovingly carves at Weymouth each day, or hear it in a majestic shanty, or sense it while striding along a great Victorian promenade, like the one now fetchingly restored at Weston-super-Mare.

Tonight at the Aldeburgh Festival a gala concert will mark the 50th anniversary of the greatest of all "sea" operas: *Peter Grimes*. And Britten's masterpiece is as good a place to start our celebration as any. It may ostensibly be about the mad fisherman whose boy apprentices have a nasty habit of dying while in his company. But when you listen to the opera, just as when you hold a seashell to your ear, you hear only the sound of the sea — the North Sea that Britten knew, from his earliest childhood, in all its moods: in terrifying flood, in moonlight calm, and in early morning sparkle.

English music is full of picturesque seascapes. Think of Elgar's *Sea Pictures*, Delius's *Sea Drift*, Vaughan Williams's *A Sea Symphony*, Malcolm Arnold's *The Padstow Lifeboat*. I once met a composer who had incorporated the call-signals of all 40 lighthouses in England and Wales into an orchestral piece. (How did it sound? Well, how you do *think* it sounded?) But no composer has ever captured the savage power of the sea as well as Britten.

Here, however, we must make a crucial distinction. *Peter Grimes* is a work about the sea, not the seaside. There is a world of difference. The sea is limitless, ungovernable — except by some malicious Fate, as when Coleridge's Ancient Mariner is supernaturally becalmed as punishment for killing the albatross. It is a metaphor for the most profound of life's mysteries, or for adventure fraught with unknown peril.

The Romantic poets took a particularly gloomy view of all things briny. For Tennyson, it was Death by another name: "And may there be no sadness of farewell when I embark . . ." For Byron, it was metaphorical drowning: a world-weary pretence of escape from the tiresome attentions of pretty girls:

There is society, where none intrudes,
By the deep sea, and music in its roar.

While for Matthew Arnold, even so reassuring and solid a sight as Dover beach stirred up a profound metaphysical pessimism:

The sea of faith
Was once, too, at the full, and round earth's shore
Lay like the folds of a bright girdle furled;
But now I only hear
Its melancholy, long, withdrawing roar . . .

Other Victorian poets saw the sea as man's implacable enemy: treacherous, spiteful. For the hymn-writers, this was no problem: God was on hand to "bid the mighty ocean deep, its own appointed limits keep". But for an incorrigible old sceptic like Thomas Hardy, there was no Divine Presence waiting to save the floundering mariner.

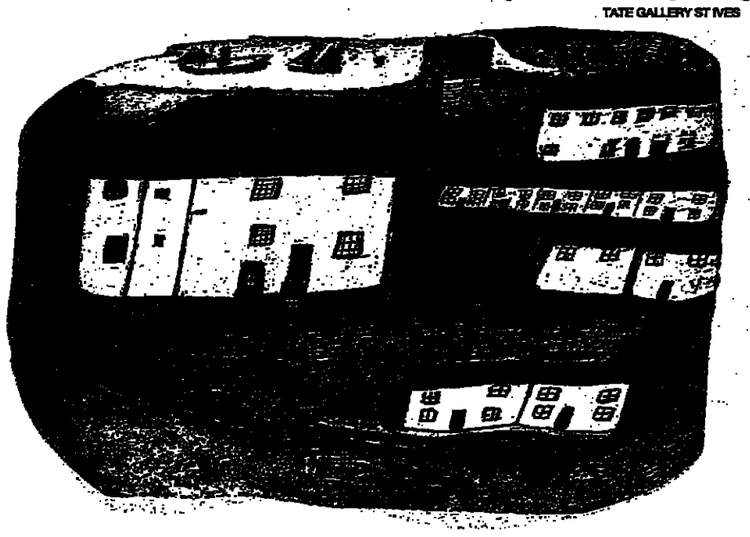
Quite the contrary, in act. In his little masterpiece, *he Convergence of the vain*, Hardy imagines some rrible supernatural force uping an iceberg at the same e as man was shaping the mic. What's more, the ice- (Hardy implies) was cre- by this malevolent force ely in order to reduce "vaingloriousness" to a on the ocean bed, over the sea-worm crawls — e, slimed, dumb indif- Try reading *that* the that you are caught on a lurching car hours out from

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Detail from *The Fisherman's Return* by Theodore Weber. Artists and writers have long been fascinated by the ungovernable forces of the sea

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I CAN'T SEE MY LITTLE JOHNNY!



Above: classic seaside humour on a postcard by Donald McGill
Left: *St Ives* (circa 1928) by Alfred Wallis
Below left: *Between the Tides* by Walter Langley

and peacocks, sandalwood, cedarwood, and sweet white wine". But, by and large, artists and writers have been drawn to the sea for much the same reason as deep-sea divers are drawn to explore an old wreck: brave men perished on it.

That is certainly true of such classic naval yarns as C.S. Forester's surprisingly dark Hornblower books, or Nicholas Monsarrat's superb account of Second World War convoys, *The Cruel Sea*. And it is true, too, of the greatest of all sea painters, J.M.W. Turner. Look at the swirling tornado of devastation portrayed in a masterpiece such as (to give this stupendous oil painting its full title) *Snow Storm — Steam-Boat off a Harbour's Mouth making Signals in Shallow Water and going by the Lead. The Author was in this Storm on the Night the Ariel left Harwich*.

This is surely the work of a man utterly obsessed with the elemental force of a ferocious ocean. And remember Turner's melodramatic description of how he witnessed the storm: "I got the sailors to lash me to the mast to observe it; I was lashed for four hours, and I did not expect to escape, but I felt bound to record it if I did."

Of course, art historians have subsequently poured scorn on the whole story, pointing out that there is no record of any ship called *Ariel* ever leaving Harwich at a time when Turner could have observed it, let alone been lashed to its mast. That is irrelevant.



> If the sea stands for all that man fears, then the seaside is the polar opposite: vulgar and hedonistic

The point is that Turner *felt* lashed to the mast for four hours. And when we look at the painting, we feel that too. As the man said — in England, men and sea interpenetrate.

So much for the sea. But what of the seaside? If the sea stands for all that man fears and cannot control, then the seaside is the polar opposite: built by man for man, deliciously vulgar, gloriously unthreatening, not at all conducive to high-flown emotions; utterly hedonistic in its attractions.

If the sea defines our insularity as a nation ("Fog Over Channel, Continent Cut Off"), then the seaside liberates the British from our pretensions and stuffiness. Seaside culture is unbuttoned, pleasure-bound, earthy. Composers wrote tragic operas about the sea; they wrote music-hall songs about the seaside. And these songs celebrate a place where brass bands still play tiddly-om-pom-pom, and an authentic Donald McGill postcard may yet be purchased, with all its fleshy innuendo perfectly preserved, at the little kiosk between the fortune-teller and the whelk-stall.

As for painting, well, the whole St Ives School strikes me as being seaside, rather than sea, artists. In their seascapes, dinghies seem like toys; indeed the sea itself sometimes appears as tamed as a boating lake. No four hours lashed to the mast to produce this! And yet, in some moods, I love this art more than Turner's. It speaks of humanity rather than unfathomable Nature.

If I had been writing this article 30 years ago, I might have finished with an elegy of anguished nostalgia. Whither the dank, drab British sea front in the dawning age of Jumbos-to-Benidorm? Today, that danger seems *passé*, if not actually past.

True, we don't have a Turner, a Britten or a Masefield around at present to celebrate our maritime glory with a dash of genius — and don't tell me that Damien Hirst's pickled fish is any substitute. But deep inside most of us there is probably still the yearning for that tall ship and the star to sail her by. Or a not-yet-extinguished glimmer of empathy with lovers who go hand in hand, on the edge of the sand, and dance by the light of the moon.

Or perhaps, on a ghastly, grey Monday morning at the office, you share my irresistible urge to lean back, close your eyes to the pressing trivia, and daydream of wet sand beneath bare feet and the tingling shock of the first plunge into the Atlantic breakers. For as Spike Milligan put it, with his customary matchless bathos:

I must go down to the seas again,
To the lonely sea and the sky.
I left my shoes and socks there;

Cover photograph by MARK HARRISON of a sand sculpture by MARK ANDERSON based on STANHOPE ALEXANDER FORBES's *Looking Out*
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Richard Morrison's

Time and tide erode the splendour in the sand

SEASIDE art comes in many strange and wonderful forms. But none, perhaps, is as eye-catching or poignantly ephemeral as that produced by Mark Anderson. Celebrating his thirtieth birthday this week, Anderson has spent the last eight summers creating sand sculptures on the promenade at Weymouth in Dorset.

A man doing kids' work? You must be joking. Anderson's sculptures are about as remote from your basic family sand castle — however lovingly its golden ramparts have been constructed — as AC Milan is from Romford Casuals. Our front cover this week, based on Stanhope Alexander Forbes's *The Lookout*, is an example of his superb work.



Tutankhamun on the beach

In any May-to-October period he would expect to create about five sculptures as big and beautiful as this (each taking a week to a fortnight to complete), plus a number of smaller pieces. And sand-sculpture is an increasingly popular craft. Hundreds of people do it in The Netherlands and North America. There is even a world championship in Vancouver each September.

Anderson's works range enormously in theme. There are classical busts (recently he did a Roman general with a Dorset connection), but there are also popular images such as Pinocchio. Last year he devised a huge D-Day celebration sculpture involving a rainbow and an amazing 500 sand "poppies", all individually carved and painted. But he also sculpts such staples as bread, fruit and sea horses.

Sand being what it is, they don't last very long — a maximum of four weeks, before bracing Channel winds, rain and (regrettably) moronic vandals wear them down into crumbling, Sphinx-like decrepitude, at which point they are put out of their misery. But Anderson doesn't mind too much. Because his work has such a short "beach life", passing holidaymakers — whose largesse provides him with his income — can always be assured of seeing him in action on something fresh.

First he will saturate the sand with water, then mould it into the required relief (he rarely sketches on paper first). After that he carves the intricate detail before painting the whole thing. "The sand here, with its rich limestone content, is the finest in the world for this sort of work," he says. "And believe me, I've been all over the Mediterranean looking. Anything to keep me out of England in the winter."

Anderson is following in the footsteps of his grandfather, 85-year-old Fred Darrington, who started doing sand sculptures when he was 15. "Like other boys, he played at making sand castles on the beach, but found he could do it far better than the rest," says his daughter, Mark's mum. He took it up professionally in the 1950s, and is still active down on the beach.

Will Mark Anderson also build in sand for the rest of his life? "I don't see why not. It's outdoors. I earn a reasonable amount of money each season. And I love what I am doing."

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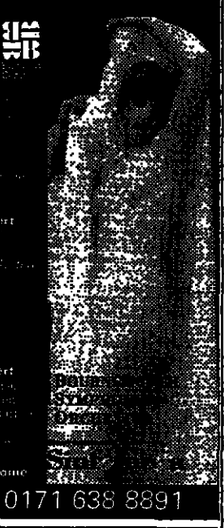
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Ritual humiliation time for critics

WEEK IN THE ARTS



RICHARD MORRISON

Spare a kind thought for Britain's theatre critics. All right, please yourselves, you hard-hearted bunch. But I do feel a *bit* sorry for the poor dears. Already this year they have been wrongly accused of driving Stephen Fry into exile, fruitily rebuked by Tony Slattery, and gently chastised by the magnificent Miss Raquel Welch for frightening her away from the West End. What's more, one critic is currently being vengefully pursued by Steven Berkoff — a terrifying figure, even when in relatively benign mood.

Now comes the final embarrassment for the critics. Or probably not, but it might be close. Back in February a musical opened. *Mama I Want to Sing*, a gospel-song entertainment of the non-cerebral variety, had already played eight years in New York and toured triumphantly in Europe and Japan, netting its producers a tolerable £38 million in box-office receipts. In short, it was a well-tested hit.

When the curtain rose in London, however . . . well, there are good reviews, there are poor reviews and there are absolute stinkers. *Mama* must have set a new world record in the stinky stakes. On a scale of one to ten, the London critics gave it minus 37.

"Absolutely dreadful," *The Daily Telegraph* sniffed. "There are moments when you wish you were dead. This was one of them." *The Financial Times* was similarly discouraging: "This is one feel-good musical that had a deadening effect on the spirits". *The Observer* declared it "nauseating . . . overwhelmingly mediocre".

In the *Daily Mail* the "legendary" Jack Tinker found the idea of an all-black gospel musical so droll that he decided to write some of his review in dialect. "It sho' ain't big fat *Mama I Want to Sing* dat takes di prize," he penned wittily. Tasteful stuff, Jack. Have you thought of doing cabaret for the Ku-Klux-Klan?

Mama's producers were astonished by all this, and still are. "Never in the 12-year history of our show had we read anything like that," said co-writer Vy Higginson this week. "We thought, well, something is *very different* in England."

Our own Benedict Nightingale was almost alone in detecting the show's "huge verve". *The Guardian* scathingly reported "cloying sentimentality, inept plotting". And just in case the dopier sort of *Guardian* reader still didn't get the message about *Mama*, the critic spelt it out in words of one syllable: "Down it goes — glug, glug".

Oh dear. When they come to write the history of disastrous newspaper predictions, "down it goes — glug glug" will have to be ranked pretty high. I expect you can guess what happened next. Far from going down, glug glug, *Mama* rose in public esteem. And far from being "nauseated", people who had seen it started telling friends how good it was. Suddenly, "house full" notices were going up at the Cambridge Theatre.

So full did the place become, in fact, that on Thursday *Mama* transferred indefinitely to a grander, Shaftesbury Avenue address: the Gielgud Theatre. That most delicious of modern ritual humiliations, The Confounding of the Critics, was complete.

Well, ritual humiliations are fun now and then. That, after all, is what people send their children to public school to learn. What worries me, however, is that the critics seem confounded by public taste more and more often, and in many different art forms.

For instance, a few weeks ago there were several Festival Hall concerts by the minimalist composer Michael Nyman. Each was packed with cheering crowds. Yet most reviews varied from the mildly disapproving to the vitriolic — and one music critic even refused to cover the concerts on the grounds that it might "desensitise" his ears.

Something similar occurred over this month's London visit by the Irish company, Riverdance. Its show is fast, exhilarating and immensely popular. Yet presumably because of its Eurovision Song Contest origins, the reviews from some critics have been astonishingly snobby. "The company," the London *Evening Standard* said, "are to folk dance what Andrew Lloyd Webber is to musical theatre — slick showmen who rob art of its authenticity".

Of course critics are right not to be swayed by hype. And of course they are right to be angrily contemptuous of marketing tactics such as we saw this week from Michael Jackson. To buy his new album, his young fans (or rather, their hard-pressed parents) will be forced to buy a whole album of *old* songs as well. That deserves a unanimous critical raspberry.

But when performers or artists are condemned in print simply for being popular, or for presenting an entertainment that is not of doctorate level in intellectual depth, then we can rightly ask the critics what kind of service they think they are providing, and for whom. To go along to a musical like *Mama* expecting to measure its characterisation against Ibsen and its dialogue against Stoppard is not only stupid, it's unprofessional. If the critics don't learn that lesson soon . . . well, as *The Guardian* would say, down they will go. Glug, glug.

THEATRE: Wild grotesquery from Tunisia

Sex and senile delinquency

Familia
Riverside Studios

THIS is Tunisia's answer to early Theatre de Complicite. *Familia* is the madcap, macabre tale of three old crones in an amorous tangle with a grossly fumbling detective. They are the surviving sisters of a dying breed, cloistered in their decaying mansion while still nursing sexual cravings within their sagging bodies.

The extraordinary Arab director, Fadhel Jaibi, with a spartan set of *mouldering* screens, tells the story in bold *expressionistic* episodes. Bahja chastises the nymphomaniacal Molka, gurgling furiously in a guttural Arabic, foul-mouthed French, and spasms of English. Bahja waddles in and out like a geriatric toad in a black headscarf. Molka, hideously suety, reclines porn-style on the dining table trying to control a gruesomely amusing attack of the shakes. Babbouna scoots about skeletally, frizzed hair on end.



Baccar: geriatric toad

Familia is a mercilessly funny and grotesque portrait of old age. Yet these women are also touching. There is one extraordinary scene where Bahja (Jalila Baccar) transforms to and fro, raging and struggling, between slumped, slavering decrepitude and erect erotic youth — remembered or briefly regained.

The storyline is puzzlingly rambling, but stylistically *Familia* is a treat. The pallid faces of gothic horror are lightened with the rosy noses of cold clowns. The piece is also strongly flavoured with melodrama. Ali Mosbah as the hunchback detective sports the inch-thick eyebrows of the Victorian villain. His death throes, after the ladies ladle out some poison from their bone-china tureen, are convulsively silly.

Throughout his violent terminal lurches, Babbouna stares coldly out at us, a vengeful glint in her eye, with the face of a silver-screen heroine who never got rescued, but has wasted away into a spinster, slowly eaten up from the inside.

KATE BASSETT

An angel in our midst



DONALD COOPER

Angela Gheorghiu: "The important thing is to use the voice and the music to create the reality of the drama"

Rodney Milnes meets Angela Gheorghiu, the young diva who has melted the critics' hearts

The rise and rise of Angela Gheorghiu (pronounced "gyorg-you") is a peculiarly operatic phenomenon. New stars bursting upon the firmament are what punters want, what record companies need, and what the popular press expects from a world of reputedly non-stop glamour rather than hard graft. And in the young Romanian soprano — she is nudging 30 — they have found their new star.

She made her Covent Garden debut in 1992, two years after graduating from the Bucharest Music Academy, as Zerlina in Johannes Schaaf's dark *Don Giovanni*. "That was my first and last Zerlina," she says firmly. "Too low, too short. I like more to challenge me vocally, more character." Mimì, Liù, and Micaëla followed, plus a sweetly determined Nina in last season's surprise hit for the Royal Opera, Massenet's *Chérubin*.

Even stuffy old critics welcomed a really individual, bright soprano sound, natural musicianship and a wonderfully communicative way with words, and some felt it would be ungentlemanly not to mention her striking appearance — "slender as a pullet", as Baron Ochs remarks of Sophie in *Der Rosenkavalier*, and with lustrous, dancing eyes.

But the stuffy welcome was swept away by a flood of star-worship last November when Gheorghiu sang her first Violetta in the Georg Solti-Richard Eyre *Traviata*. BBC2's schedules were cleared for an instant transmission, and the unscheduled live recording hurriedly made by Decca is released on Monday. Since then her tabloid-friendly romance with Roberto Alagna, touted as the next Pavarotti, has made her famous for much more than 15 minutes.

There is a head on those pullet-slender shoulders quite cool enough not to be turned by all this: Gheorghiu knows who she is and what she is worth. She is also properly grateful to the people she has worked with, and the remarkable thing about that *Traviata* is that everyone — even Solti — was performing it for the first time. "We were all so fresh, so excited by what we were doing," she recalls, "and it was very good experience working with Richard Eyre. For four days we did nothing but read the text like actors, to get right inside the drama. Then came music rehearsals, and after that the actual production."

Solti was plainly entranced by finding a Violetta who could sing the role so faultlessly: as those performances and the recording show, she makes it sound astonishingly easy, even that knit-one-purl-one coloratura in *Sempre libera* perfectly, precisely voiced. She shrugs off the technical challenge. "I never thought it was difficult. The important thing for me is to use the voice and the music to create the reality of the drama. That was pure pleasure."

So she and Solti moved from notes to interpretation. "I would say, 'Maestro, I want to try this sort of phrase, or this sort of tempo,' and he would reply, 'OK, from this moment I do what you want, I am your accompanist'." Insiders might suggest that this is not Solti's normal way of working, and perhaps Gheorghiu knows it. "I'm very lucky."

She is also lucky that her talent was soon spotted by Placido Domingo. She will sing Micaëla with him in a new *Carmen* at the Met, and Desdemona to his *Otello* at the next Salzburg Easter Festival. This is a bit of a surprise — Desdemona is a very grown-up role but, again, she knows it. "That's a special thing. I'm doing it just the once and it's not going to be part of my immediate repertoire."

For the rest, her immediate plans centre upon more roles from the Italian and French lyric repertoire. "I have a very good teacher here," she says, gesturing to Alagna, from whom she seems inseparable. They will perform *Roméo et Juliette* together in Washington, and there are plans for *Faust* and *Manon*.

The last two they will record before they do them on stage, which may cause the odd problem, since Gheorghiu is contracted to Decca, and Alagna to EMI, but even possessive record companies need to be flexible in the face of such bankable talent. An EMI duet disc is on the stocks, mainly of the French and Italian extracts that have made them so popular, but with a bit of *West Side Story* thrown in — "just for fun".

Sensibly, she declines to be drawn further into the future on the subject of a voice that is, as she says, "just me", a natural, God-given gift. If Desdemona goes well, might it expand from lyric to dramatic? Will Violetta turn into a *Trovatore* Leonora? "I don't know. I've told you about the immediate future. Time will make the decisions."

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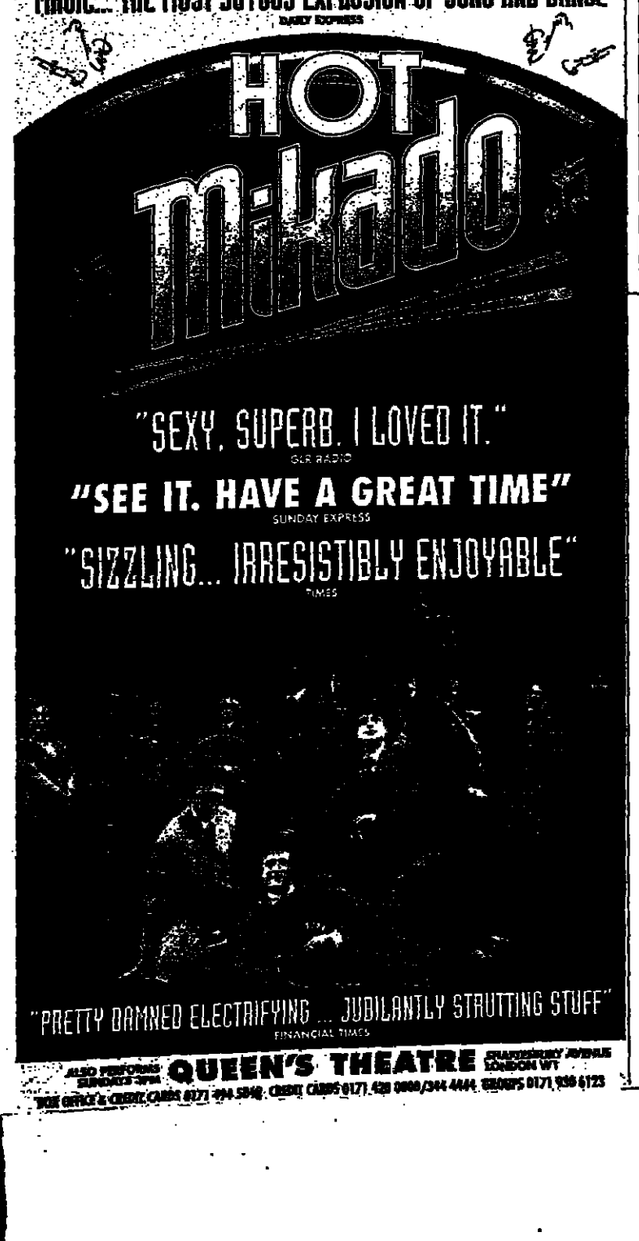
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■ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM** Robert Lang plays Bottom, with Toyah Willcox as Puck, in John Doyle's production of, inevitably, the Park's most performed play.
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◪ **OUT IN THE COLD** Wolfgang Borchert's despairing view of life as experienced by a soldier back in Hamburg from the Russian front. Another excellent production from this pub-theatre powerhouse
Greenwich Studio, Prince of Orange, 169 Greenwich High Road, SE10 (0181-858 2862) Tue-Sun, 8pm

◪ **REAL WRITING** Kika Markham plays Anna Akhmatova and Kate Buffery the fellow writer who devoted herself to her friend's genius. Maureen Lawrence's play, directed by Conn Redgrave.
Riverside Studio 3, Crisp Road, W6 (0181-741 2255) Last night, tonight, 7.45pm

◪ **THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW**. The Undead pose and prance again. Brad, Jane, Frank N Furter and Riff-Raff back in the West End for the umpteenth time. Robin Cousins and Nicholas Parsons in the company.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122) Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri and Sat, 7pm and 9pm ◪

☐ **THE SILVER TASSIE** Sean O'Casey's fierce and haunting anti-war drama, not seen in London since 1969. Lynne Parker's production glows with lurid power
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm ◪

■ **SKYLIGHT**: Michael Gambon and Lia Williams play social riser and social worker attacking one another's values in David Hare's gripping, up-to-the-minute drama. Richard Eyre directs.
National, (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). ◪

◪ **SPLENDID'S**. British premiere of Genet's recently discovered 1948 play, set in a luxury hotel where seven handsome hoods are holed up the police. Cast includes Everett Quinton from New York's Ridiculous Theatrical Company, and Julian Clary in his first dramatic role. Part of LIFT.
Lyric, King Street, W6 (0181-741 2311). Now previewing, 7.30pm. Opens June 21, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until July 15.

☐ **THE SUIT**: The second production in this year's LIFT from the Market Theatre Co of Johannesburg. Can Themba's witty love story about a man, his wife and her lover's suit of clothes
Tricycle, Kilburn High Rd, NW6 (0171-328 1000) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats June 21 and 28, 2pm, Sat, 4pm. Until July 8.

☐ **UNFORGETTABLE**: Pleasant stage bio of Nat King Cole, the Mr Nice Guy of pop. Stanley Clarke Peters who also, with Lanmgton Walker, wrote and directs. First seen at Stratford East.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) Previews begin June 14, 8pm. Opens June 19, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm

LONG RUNNERS

◪ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) . . ■ **Cats**: New London (0171-405 0072) ◪ **Copacabana**. Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972) . ◪ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (0171-494 5070) ◪ **Indian Ink**. Aldwych (0171-416 6003) ☐ **Mama I Want to Sing**: Garrick (0171-494 5085) . ◪ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . . ☐ **My Night With Reg**: Criterion (0171-839 4488) . . ☐ **A Passionate Woman**: Comedy (0171-369 1731) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) . ☐ **She Loves Me**. Savoy (0171-836 8888) ■ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) ■ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ☐ **The Woman In Black**. Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol v) on release across the country

CLERKS (18): Rough-edged, funny American comedy about a day in the life of a convenience store assistant. Promising debut for young writer-director Kevin Smith
Metro (0171-437 0757) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

◆ **DON JUAN DEMARCO** (15). Refreshing and quirky romantic fantasy about a man who thinks himself to be Don Juan. With Johnny Depp, Marlon Brando and Faye Dunaway, written and directed by Jeremy Leven
MGMs Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6379) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

ED WOOD (15) Tim Burton's wonderful biography of the bizarre man voted the world's worst film-maker. With Johnny Depp, and Martin Landau as Bela Lugosi
Lumiere (0171-836 0691) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

EXOTICA (18) Inventive variations on the theme of voyeurism from quirky Canadian director Atom Egoyan. With Bruce Greenwood, Mia Kirshner
MGM Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

◆ **FRESH** (18) Brooklyn boy tries to outwit the local drug lords. Energetic ghetto drama from new director Boaz Yakin
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031)

I.D. (18) Undercover cop becomes football hooligan. Simplistic, sometimes powerful British drama. Philip Davis directs. Reece Dinsdale, Richard Graham and Claire Skinner
Plaza (0800 888 807)

◆ **JACK & SARAH** (15): Tame British comedy about one man, one baby, one nanny, and the in-laws. Not for macho males. With Richard E. Grant, Samantha Mathis. Director, Tim Sullivan
Barbican ◪ (0171-638 8891) **Gate** ◪ (0171-727 4043) **MGMs Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

KILLER (18) Hit man loves his intended target. Neat, knowing thriller from debuting director Mark Malone, with Anthony LaPaglia and Marni Rogers.
MGM Trocadero ◪ (0171-434 0031)

◆ **KISS OF DEATH** (18) Ex-con David Caruso is forced to infiltrate Nicolas Cage's gang. Flashy thriller that wastes its potential. Director, Barbet Schroeder.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE** (PG) Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer by stage director Nicholas Hytner, with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666)

◆ **MURIEL'S WEDDING** (15) Ugly duckling becomes swan in P.J. Hogan's boisterous, quaacy Aussie comedy
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Odeons: Mezzanine** ◪ (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **ONCE WERE WARRIORS** (18) Forceful New Zealand tale of Maori culture ravaged by the urban ghetto. Lee Tamahori directs a powerful cast.
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

◆ **RICHIE RICH** (PG). Zillionaire offspring Macaulay Culkin comes to his parents' rescue. Dull, overblown comedy, with John Larroquette
MGMs: Fulham Road ◪ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **ROB ROY** (15). Lavish but fusty epic, with Liam Neeson as the Scottish folk hero and Tim Roth heading the baddies. Michael Caton-Jones directs, with Jessica Lange, John Hurt and Brian Cox.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Empire** ◪ (0800 888911) ◪ (Empire 1 only) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◪ (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

THE SEXUAL LIFE OF THE BELGIANS (18) Funny, quirky sexual odyssey. First in an autobiographical trilogy from Belgium's cultural anarchist, Jan Bucquoy
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION (15) See Critics' Choice, page 2.

◆ **TALES FROM THE CRYPT: DEMON KNIGHT** (18) Lively spin-off from the television series, featuring gore, glop and juvenile humour. With William Sadler and Billy Zane, director, Ernest Dickerson
Plaza (0800 888997)

NEW RELEASES

◆ **BAD BOYS** (18) Empty-headed adventures of two Miami cops (Martin Lawrence and Will Smith) from the producers of *Beverly Hills Cop*. Director, Michael Bay
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

FUN (18) Abrasive drama about two teenagers convicted of murder. Striking performances by Renee Humphrey and Alicia Witt. Director, Rafal Zielinski
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Metro** (0171-437 0757) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148)

IN THE MOUTH OF MADNESS (15). Sam Neill gets sucked into a horror novelist's imaginary world. Messy romp with good touches. Director, John Carpenter
Electric ◪ (0171-792 2020) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

JEFFERSON IN PARIS (12) See Critics' Choice, page 2.

RICE PEOPLE (PG) Family travails in Cambodia's rice fields. Slow, sincere and beautiful drama, a first feature by Rithy Panh
MGM Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470)

SILENT FALL (15) An autistic child holds the key to a murder case. Increasingly dull mystery thriller with Richard Dreyfuss. Director, Bruce Beresford
MGMs: Fulham Road ◪ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

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BEFORE SUNRISE (15) Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy walk and talk in Vienna. Risky, endearing film from Slacker director Richard Linklater
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◪ (01426 915683)

◆ **THE BRADY BUNCH MOVIE** (12) Adventures of an unnaturally wholesome L.A. family. Endearing send-up of the 1970s sit-com, with Shelley Long and Gary Cole. Director, Betty Thomas
Empire ◪ (0800 888911) **MGMs Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

BULLETS OVER BROADWAY (15) Diverting Woody Allen comedy set in New York's theatre world of the 1920s. With John Cusack, Chazz Palminteri
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666)

Evidence of fowl play

Hilary Finch on a troupe using theatre to help children with special needs

JULIAN HERBERT



Show of hands: members of Chicken Shed work with children from the Moat House School in Basildon, Essex

If you have preconceptions, prepare to shed them now. "Special needs", according to the Chicken Shed Theatre Company, is a much misused term. And it knows quite a bit about what it is to be special: of all Britain's children's and youth theatres, it was Chicken Shed that was invited to serenade and to look after 55 heads of state at the VE-Day celebrations in Hyde Park.

I met the company recently on a somewhat different stage. Class KS2B of the Moat House (Special) School in Basildon, Essex, was preparing for its final rehearsal of a musical called *The Attraction*. Within a group of ten 8 to 11-year-olds, one was being persuaded not to swallow the stick of his lunchtime lolly, another not to break down the door; one was being urged to use the cold shoulder rather than the scissors on an assailant, another not to wear his Batman costume for the show.

Within five minutes of loud singing, ("Set free the show inside you/Let the real you appear") and another five of forming into a star shape, coalescing, dividing again, and creating a circle out of a conga, two sworn enemies were in brotherly embrace and a totally withdrawn child had made her way to the front line. The sounds and sweet airs were at it again: out of the structured rough and tumble of three numbers from a show about a Gypsy King and the passions he inspires in his troupe, all earlier conflicts had been forgotten.

This, in a term coined by Chicken Shed, is "theatre in inclusive education". Not content with its own thriving, workshop-based company of 450 which started life in the eponymous poultry hut on the outskirts of north London. Chicken Shed decided to move beyond the mainstream in 1989, in order to fulfil properly its original "open-door" policy. "There is no young person", says Mary Ward, the founder and artistic director, "who could not become involved in a group run in the Chicken Shed way." Her aim is "to change lives" — no less — by changing the way people view themselves and are viewed.

More specifically, this has meant going up and down the country, taking some 40 children at a time from one mainstream and one special school (Moat House was twinned with Manor County Junior in the case of Basildon), and working in eight or so small groups with six company members and a pianist for as long as ten weeks, or as little as three days, depending on available finance and resources. The schools do not pay a penny. Thanks to funding from the National Freight Corporation Foundation, Chicken Shed has been able to initiate this, its first national tour, with workshops for the first time outside London and the Home Counties.

But does a Chicken Shed visit generate real momentum for new work, or is it very much a one-off stimulus? "If we can secure the funding to take our outreach project to a national level, then there will be more possibilities for long-term work and for wider networks of linked schools. And we would like to feel that other theatre companies would work in the same sort of way on inclusive projects. It's *not* an insurmountable task, and the quality of their work will not be compromised. We've proved that."

At Moat House School, where music has been lying low for some years, teaching staff and older students are now planning a show of their own for Christmas. Mary Thompson, deputy head, who answered Chicken Shed's first telephone call with some trepidation, considers even their four brief sessions to have had immeasurable benefit. "Most of our children find it difficult to relate to other people and to work as part of a team. Within the past week, we've seen children with severe behavioural problems integrating with so-called normal children, working alongside them without any problems. They have discovered new skills, gained self-confidence and a new belief in themselves."

WHERE THE FEATHERS FLY

● Chicken Shed's musical *The Attraction*, by Mary Ward and Jo Collins, is now on tour: Wakefield Theatre Royal, next Thursday to Saturday (01924 366556); Crewe Lyceum Theatre, June 28-July 1 (01270 537333); Swindon Wyvern Theatre, July 5-8 (01793 535534).

● Information on all Chicken Shed's activities from: Chicken Shed Theatre, Chase Side, Southgate, London N14 4PE (0181-449 7744). Box Office: 0181-449 1155.

Shopping for a Pentium-equipped computer? You may be offered rather less than meets the eye

Trying it on with Triton

Anyone setting out to buy the very best in IBM-compatible home computers is likely to be steered in the direction of a machine based on the Pentium, latest and fastest of the Intel processor chips which dominate the PC market as it continues to extend from our offices into our homes. Pentiums, allied to new high-speed graphics circuitry, positively galvanise the Windows operating system and the often sluggish workings of CD-Rom and multimedia software. And, as screeds of magazine reviews will tell you, Pentium systems are becoming increasingly affordable for home users.

You may also notice that many of the most successful machines reviewed incorporate the new set of ancillary chips Intel has designed to accompany the Pentium. Codenamed Triton, these chips handle the flow of information to and from the processor, and by various clever processes greatly increase the freedom of the flow, and hence its efficiency. As a result several PC manufacturers have begun to advertise Triton chipsets as a sales point.

FUTURE VISIONS

This is perfectly fair, but it just gives the poor buyer one more cause to beware. The problem is that Intel designed the Triton chips to work as part of their Aladdin "motherboard" — the computer's core circuitry, on which the processor sits — together with banks of two kinds of the latest high-speed memory chips, EDO Ram and pipeline-burst Ram. These provide "holding tanks" through which the Triton chips can regulate information flow; and without them the chipset's abilities are greatly reduced.

Unfortunately, Intel seems not to have anticipated the demand for these chips, and for months to come they will be in short supply and very expensive. Consequently Intel has released a series of what they call "Aladdin family" boards — named Endeavour, Morrison and Zappa — which are generally used with the slower Pentium models. These incorporate the Triton chips, and work perfectly well — except that they do not have the advanced memory banks that let the Tritons deliver their full performance. More conventional memory chips simply do not work as well, and the Zappa board lacks the memory provision altogether. Other motherboard makers, obviously, are in much the same boat. This means that most of the machines advertised as Triton-based will not in fact be capable of the full performance the reviews suggested.

This is not a deception as such. Manufacturers mostly submitted their machines before the shortage struck; and a review does not have the legal force of an advertisement. Responsible manufacturers I spoke to were perfectly frank about the problem, but not all makers are responsible. Some may be too ready to win sales or charge extra by virtue of the Triton name, without supplying the attendant benefits.

To expect home users to follow every unpublicised subtlety of chip or motherboard is unfair and unethical. Chipmakers and manufacturers are doing increasingly well out of such buyers; they should be ready to forget the industry's discreditable tradition of contempt for outsiders and come clean with us. Meanwhile, to take a line from Wordsworth, if you hear "old Triton blow his wreathed horn," take care, it may be just another blasted siren song.

MICHAEL SCOTT ROHAN

Don't miss Saigon in Drury Lane

THE TIMES THEATRE CLUB

THE land on which the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane stands has been sacred to plays and players for centuries. The first theatre was opened in 1663 — Samuel Pepys made a note in his diary that he had caught a cold during a performance there — and the present building dates from 1812. Great thespians — David Garrick and Edmund Kean among them — and the rather more notorious Nell Gwynne have trod its various stages. In more recent years, though, it has become known for mounting blockbuster musicals such as *Oklahoma!* and *My Fair Lady*.

Theatre Club members wanting to combine theatrical lore with a great musical night out are invited to tour the building, then enjoy an oriental buffet in the theatre's own restaurant before taking their seats for the theatre's current smash hit, *Miss Saigon*. Now in its sixth year, the show is a spectacular love story with a latter-day Madam Butterfly meeting her GI Joe during the fall of Saigon.

The offer is available for performances on July 18 and 27. Tickets are £35, comprising best available seats (normally £30), the buffet and theatre tour. To book, please telephone 0171-494 5454 during office hours, quoting your membership number

WODEHOUSE AND GREENE ON STAGE? THAT'S NOVEL

CARDIFF
Sherman Theatre
June 19-21
● STARRING Menna Trussler, Frank Vickery's bold new comedy *Roots and Wings* goes behind the net curtains in a small Welsh town to unravel a web of liaisons and lies. Two tickets for the price of one (normally £6 to £9). Tel 01222 230451

IPSWICH
Wolsey Theatre
June 20-21
● BLANDINGS CASTLE is home to the Empress, an innocent, inoffensive 25-stone pig. Jealously guarded by Lord Emsworth, her loving owner, she is nevertheless the subject of a fiendish kidnap plot. Save £2 on ticket prices for Tuesday (normally £8.95) and Wednesday (normally £10.50) performances of this adaptation of P.G. Wodehouse's *Summer Lightning*. Tel 01473 253725

BASINGSTOKE
Haymarket Theatre
June 20
● GEORG BUCHNER'S nightmarish masterpiece *Woyzeck* tells the story of a young soldier driven to desperation by his girlfriend's unfaithfulness. Two tickets for the price of one (normally £9). Tel 01256 465566

BROMLEY
Churchill Theatre
June 21-July 8
● STARRING Gabrielle Drake and Jeremy Clyde, *Cavalcade* is Noël Coward's touching story about two very different families trying to come to terms with the realities of a changing England. Two tickets for the price of one (normally £11.50). Tel 0181 460 6677

OXFORD
Playhouse
June 19-20
● BRIAN GLOVER and Brian Cant star in *The Canterbury Tales*, an uproarious romp through the best of Chaucer's colourful stories about the lecherous Miller, lusty Wife of Bath, droll Pardoner and other favourites. Two tickets for the price of one (normally £6 to £17). Tel 01865 798600

YORK
Theatre Royal
June 27-30
● FROM London to South America via Morocco, Graham Greene's *Travels With my Aunt* is a theatrical journey to treasure. Giles Havergal's adaptation of Greene's funniest novel has just three actors playing more than 27 characters. Club members can save £3 on tickets (normally £7.50 to £11.50) and enjoy a free glass of wine, beer or soft drink. Tel 01904 623568

EDINBURGH
King's Theatre
June 19-24
● IRA LEVIN'S *Deathtrap* is an ingeniously constructed play that combines two priceless theatrical ingredients — thrills and laughter. Two tickets for the price of one (normally £6). Tel 0131-220 4349

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RECORDINGS: Gaelic yearning from Capercaillie; Michael Jackson's scream of rage; Pavarotti's early years

POP SINGLE

David Sinclair

■ **CAPERCAILLIE**
Dark Alan (Ailein Duinn)
Survival SUR55★★
KAREN MATHESON of Capercaillie has a voice that is easily the equal of Sinead O'Connor's or Enya's and, in *Dark Alan*, a tune worthy of its attention.

The number is featured in the movie *Rob Roy*, and is an updated version of a traditional Gaelic song. The keening drone of Davy Spillane's uillean pipes is quickly picked up by Matheson's gorgeously heartsore vocal, and the song's mystical ambience and drifting cadences evoke a deep sensation of yearning, rarely found in other strands of popular or folk music.



Matheson: gorgeous, heartsore vocal

POP ALBUM

David Sinclair

■ **MICHAEL JACKSON**
HIStory — Past, Present and Future — Book 1
Epic EPC662122★★
PART celebration of a wondrous career, part self-justifying concept album, *HIStory* is an uncomfortable combination of the effortlessly brilliant and the self-consciously average. Sold as an indivisible, double-disc package, it yokes a 15-track "greatest hits" compilation to a new 15-track album, an inspired marketing ploy which may well start a new industry trend.

The hits have become part of the fabric of modern music. Laid end to end *Billie Jean, Bad, Beat It, Thriller, Don't Stop 'til You Get Enough, Black or White, Man in the Mirror, Remember the Time* and the many others stand as a suitably impressive monument to one of the popular entertainment giants of the 20th century. But the new material is less obviously distinguished. Embattled and embittered by his treatment at the hands of his country's legal system and the world's sensation-hungry media, Jackson has, understandably, lost his temper. The naive idealism and childlike flights of the imagination which informed his great work of the past have been swamped by a tide of anger, cynicism and self-pity, and songs such as *Money, Tabloid Junkie, D.S.* and the current single, *Scream*, are scathing, personal rants, pegged as often as not to sketchy rap-type tunes, which reveal a side of Jackson which has not been seen before.

"You are disgustin' me/Just want your cut from me," he accuses his tormentors in *2 Bad*, while warning in a strange, strangled voice, full of rage, that "This time around, I'm taking no shit" (*This Time Around*). The ballads, which range from the moody *Stranger in Moscow* to the mawkish *Childhood* adopt a self-analytical tone with talk of a "swift and sudden fall from grace" and compensating for "the childhood I've never known".

The overall effect is initially overwhelming. Jackson has been unfairly picked on in recent years and you can hardly blame him for wanting to hit back. But it is not an attitude which sits comfortably on his slender shoulders or which chimes with the previously escapist nature of his music.

JAZZ

Clive Davis

■ **THE RALPH SHARON TRIO**
Swings the Sammy Cahn Songbook
DRG 5232★★★
SINCE words rather than notes were his true metier, the late Sammy Cahn might not appear a suitable case for treatment. By the time that Ralph Sharon has dispatched *My Kind of Town* and *Teach Me Tonight*, listeners will be in no mood to quibble about technicalities.

Sharon has been Tony Bennett's pianist for many years, so he can be expected to know his way around this material. More engaging still are the deft orchestral sonorities that he creates from the unostentatious combination of piano, bass and drums. At a time when "songbook" recordings have become slightly predictable, Sharon's training as an arranger makes all the difference.

His light touch at the keyboard is matched by the sprightly interplay of Doug Richeson's bass and Clayton Cameron's drums. On the Sharon original, *Blues for Sammy* — a tribute that is anything but lugubrious — Richeson's lines suddenly take on the light, strumming sound of a Freddie Green-style rhythm guitar. Felicitous touches such as this are scattered across the album, and the guest appearance by Gerry Mulligan on three numbers — including the glowing *Guess I'll Hang my Tears out to Dry* — is all the more of a bonus.

ORCHESTRAL

Barry Millington

■ **MAHLER**
Symphonies Nos 6 & 7
LPO/Tennstedt
EMI CDS 5 55294 2 (3 CDs)★★

Symphony No 6
VPO/Boulez
DG 445 835-2★★

BOTH of these Mahler Sixes are major recording events, yet each, in its different way, fails to deliver everything it promises. Klaus Tennstedt's performance was recorded live at the Royal Festival Hall in November 1991. This most fateful, most tragic of all Mahler's symphonies seemed to gain a dimension in the hands of the frail figure on the podium, himself scarred by the fierce life-and-death battle enacted in it.

Unfortunately, the performance has not transferred well to CD. The Festival Hall is nobody's favourite recording venue, and the sound picture is constrained, masking incisive detail and inhibiting the emotional expression.

All is not lost, however. The ecstasy and jubilation that Tennstedt finds in the finale — in spite of the dread hammerblows of fate — come across unmistakably, and this is in any case an invaluable record of a unique event. The coupling is the Seventh Symphony, a work whose elusive, mysterious character finds a sympathetic interpreter in Tennstedt.

Pierre Boulez's Sixth is significant because it represents his first recording of a Mahler symphony. Typically, the detail is revealing, the textures refined. But it is difficult to reconcile this intellectualised approach with the highly-wrought, febrile, quixotic music of the first movement and Scherzo. The Alma music lacks the surging passion of Tennstedt and the slinky, Salome-like dance episode of the Scherzo passes for nothing.

The Andante, however, is taken at a more comfortably walking pace than is Tennstedt's, yet is eloquently inward at the same time. In the expansive finale, moreover, Boulez really lets himself go, unfolding a magnificently conceived structure, whose expansive expression gains immeasurably from the superb playing of the Vienna Philharmonic.

OPERA

John Higgins

■ **PAVAROTTI**
The Early Years
Various orchestras/conductors
RCA Vol I 09026 62451 2★★, Vol II 09026 68014 2★★
ON THE surface this looks a job lot of Pavarotti recordings snipped from live performances up and down Italy at the start of his career. The earliest dates from 1964 at the "Grudgionz Festival" — wherever that is — and the last are from 1969, the year of his Met debut. The sound quality is variable, and on some tracks but hinting that someday Pavarotti and Calaf would be inseparable. The Bellini extracts, two slices of *Puritani* and one from *I Capuleti*, recall how he excelled in this particular composer. The Pavarotti-Sutherland partnership in *Puritani* was something quite special.



Pavarotti: highlights from leaner times

Other highlights include *Quando le sere* (Vol II) from *Luisa Miller*, with the recitative given full force, which was recorded long before Pavarotti tackled Verdi's opera on stage. Note too the *Cujus animam* from Rossini's *Stabat Mater*, conducted by Giulini, which shows the considerable ballast Pavarotti's voice already carried in his early thirties. The booklet features a soprano in *Lombardi* who does not appear and both records have a cover showing Pavarotti eating a yellow rose. Pasta might have been more appropriate.

RCA's remastering team has clearly had its problems, but the pleasure comes from hearing the likes of Muti and Abbado — also close to the beginning of their careers — conducting Pavarotti in Bellini.

The rewards come primarily from the vocal excitement the tenor carried with him even in those early days, coupled with the exceptional zest he brought to everything. That first Grudgionz track has Nessun dorma, a bit strained

VOCAL

Hilary Finch

■ **SCHUBERT**
Complete Songs Vol 23
Prégardien/Johnson
Hyperion CDJ33023★★★
IN 1816, at the age of 19, Schubert finished with his teenage lover, left his teacher Salieri, moved away from home — and wrote enough songs to fill two volumes of Hyperion's continuing complete edition. This, the second, sees mastermind Graham Johnson joined by the German tenor Christoph Prégardien in one of the outstanding recitals of the series.

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The disc begins with one of those long ballads of the Celtic twilight which Johnson has so eloquently championed throughout this series. Here, *The Death of Oscar* finds a spooky echo in a tiny choral item, *The Grave*, inserted immediately after it and sung by Stephen Layton's London Schubert Chorale.

★ Worth hearing
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NEW ON VIDEO: Kellogg's flakes; Garbo, the temptress; and America through the hoops

■ **THE ROAD TO WELLVILLE**
Entertainment Video, 18, 1994
ALAN PARKER'S exhaustingly exuberant treatment of T. Coraghessan Boyle's comic novel about John Harvey Kellogg, inventor of cornflakes and champion of "biological living". Anthony Hopkins barks health slogans through Bugs Bunny teeth, dung is flung, and you cannot move for jokes about enemas and erections. The quieter performers come off best, such as Matthew Broderick as the reluctant sanitorium patient, increasingly concerned by Kellogg's regime. Available to rent.

■ **AMATEUR**
Fox Guild, 15, 1994
HAL HARTLEY'S most accomplished film to date, a cockeyed romantic thriller about a nymphomaniac nun (Isabelle Huppert), an amnesiac pornographer (Martin Donovan) and some incriminating floppy disks. Hartley's trademarks remain — cryptic images, circular dialogue — but the plot provides more momentum than usual. You even care for the fates of the two main characters: lost souls, amateurs at living, trapped in a muddle of desires, ambition and self-doubt.

■ **SUCCESS IS THE BEST REVENGE**
Arrow, 15, 1984
NO recent director has quite matched Jerzy Skolimowski's skill in viewing London through foreign eyes and treating the complex emotions of émigrés. This quicksilver tale of a Polish theatre director preparing to mount a "happening" while his son simmers with rebellion lacks the cogency of its predecessor, *Moonlighting*, but the irony, humour, flights of surrealism and razor-sharp visuals still make a fascinating film. With Michael York and Michael Lyndon (Skolimowski's own son).

■ **FLESH AND THE DEVIL**
MGM/UA, U, 1927
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Tongue twister: Anthony Hopkins plays John Harvey Kellogg in Alan Parker's *The Road to Wellville*

■ **GLEN OR GLENDA**
Pickwick, PG, 1953
ACHINGLY personal, achingly inept, Edward D. Wood Jr's first feature is by any standards a remarkable film that defies all pigeon-holes. Wood himself tackles the central role of the man anxious to tell his fiancée about his yen for women's clothing, while Bela Lugosi sits on the sidelines spitting out philosophical comments in his best Hungarian accent. Two other films from the master of bad cinema are also available: *Bride of the Monster*, famous for Lugosi's battle with a rubber octopus, and *The Bride and the Beast*, the terrible tale of an explorer's new wife who finds herself fancying a gorilla.

■ **HOOP DREAMS**
PolyGram, 12, 1994
BASKETBALL dominates people's lives in this wonderful three-hour documentary, but the film's real subject is the American dream at work. For more than four years, Steve James, Fred Marx, Peter Gilbert and their cameras stuck close to two inner-city teenagers who begin with partial baseball scholarships to the same Chicago school. Then life plays its tricks: parents go on welfare, a ligament gets torn, a father drifts into drugs. Packed with detail and colourful characters: it is like the Great American Novel transferred to film. Available to rent.

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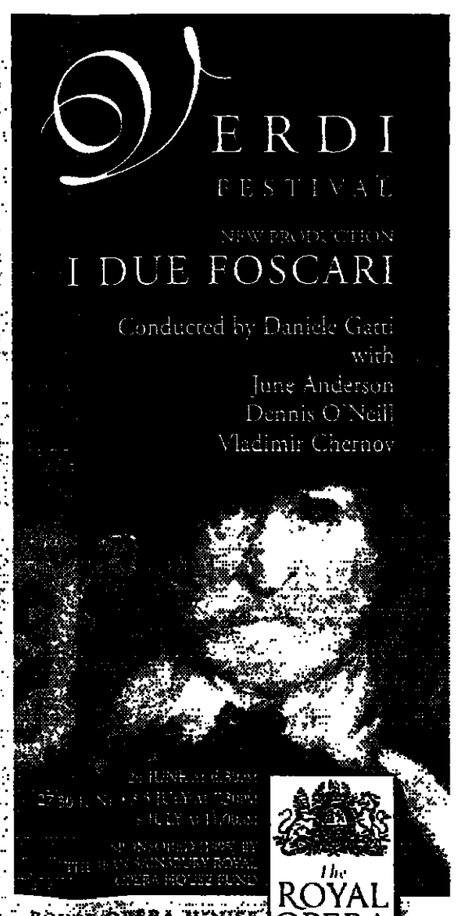
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Little growing pains

Should children be banned from the nursery?

At the entrance to Philippa Cannon's Langthorns Plantery, near Great Dunmow in Essex, a notice reads: "Please keep children and other pets on a lead." Most visitors smile and take a hint. A few, Mrs Cannon says, flare up in indignation. But what can children get out of just looking at plants, either in a garden or in pots at a nursery?

Naturally, children like to race about, to jump over rows of pots or innocently (or otherwise) pull labels out of pots or mix them up. But it is no fun for the cashier at the checkout explaining to a customer that the label on the plant they have bought is the wrong one. And if the mistake gets past the checkout and the cute little alpine puts on 6ft of growth, the nursery's reputation suffers, too. This spring, the *National Trust Magazine* published a letter from a member deploring the Trust's attempts to bring child-appeal to its properties. "To children ... these gardens must seem like good places to run around in."



Visiting beautiful gardens is fun — for whom?

Well, of course, few ordinary children are interested in anything so conservative as gardening. What buzz should they get from plant association and colour harmonies, when there is all that new space to explore? At that age it is more fun just to play.

Perhaps children should not be allowed in ornamental gardens?

Rousham, in Oxfordshire, is an early William Kent garden; a peaceful gem of trees, statuary, temples and water. Children under 15 are not admitted. This may be frustrating for parents, but it is not unreasonable. There is little for them to do there except run and shout, which would defeat the whole point of the garden.

Gardeners who have their loving work stomped on by children speak with bitter frustration. Many would like to double the adult entry fee for children. To these gardeners, thoughtless minor damage has a cumulative effect: a small branch of a magnificent rhododendron pulled off to dip in a pond, a fern frond stripped to its spine by a passing hand, plants trodden down to climb up a wall. If a deer or rabbit did this, it would be shot.

The parents always seems to be ten yards behind, noses down to some fascinating new species, and enjoying what they have paid to enjoy. It is no fun having to keep a close rein on children. But when unsupervised, not only can children undo the gardeners' best efforts, they can come to harm.

Gardens are basically safe places, but there can be tempting hazards: trees, ponds, walls and ha-has. And it is the death of any garden's appearance to put up fences and notices at every turn. Gardens are meant to be exciting: that is why we adults like them.

I am ashamed to say that when my eldest daughter was 18 months old I dragged her around 14 gardens during a week's holiday in Devon. I wouldn't dream of doing it now, with three in tow. It is the stuff of nightmares. The sort where you lose them all in a 50-acre garden on a hot, sunny day. Somewhere out there you know they are singing and dancing on the National Collection of something very special. Meanwhile, you are trapped in the walled garden, in a web of horticultural fleece, and stand no chance of getting away before Mr McGregor, the gardener, comes along bearing that threatening stainless steel spade ...

The best place for children to enjoy plants and gardens is at home, where they can grow their own plants, handle them, dig them up, eat them perhaps; get dirty and generally learn to enjoy gardening for its own sake. Gardens as art can wait until much later. Let them wonder at a sunflower soaring to the sky, but do not ask them to take pleasure in species of erodium. Let them come to gardening as they might to train spotting.

My ten-year-old daughter has learnt, with a little encouragement, to identify most of our native ferns. It is a game, learnt not with a field guide but by handling them all, getting to know them only as you can in your own garden. There it stops. I do not pretend she will suddenly start wanting to grow hostas and geraniums, but it does not matter. Learning to look at and distinguish the detail of a plant is a great lesson.

A few larger gardens open to the public provide adventure playgrounds, to divert the children while the adults look around. It makes the whole visit a much more tempting proposition. And the owner can feel justified in asking a higher admission price. It is a trap, of course. Abandoned youngsters eventually tire of high-jinks and set off into the garden to find their parents.

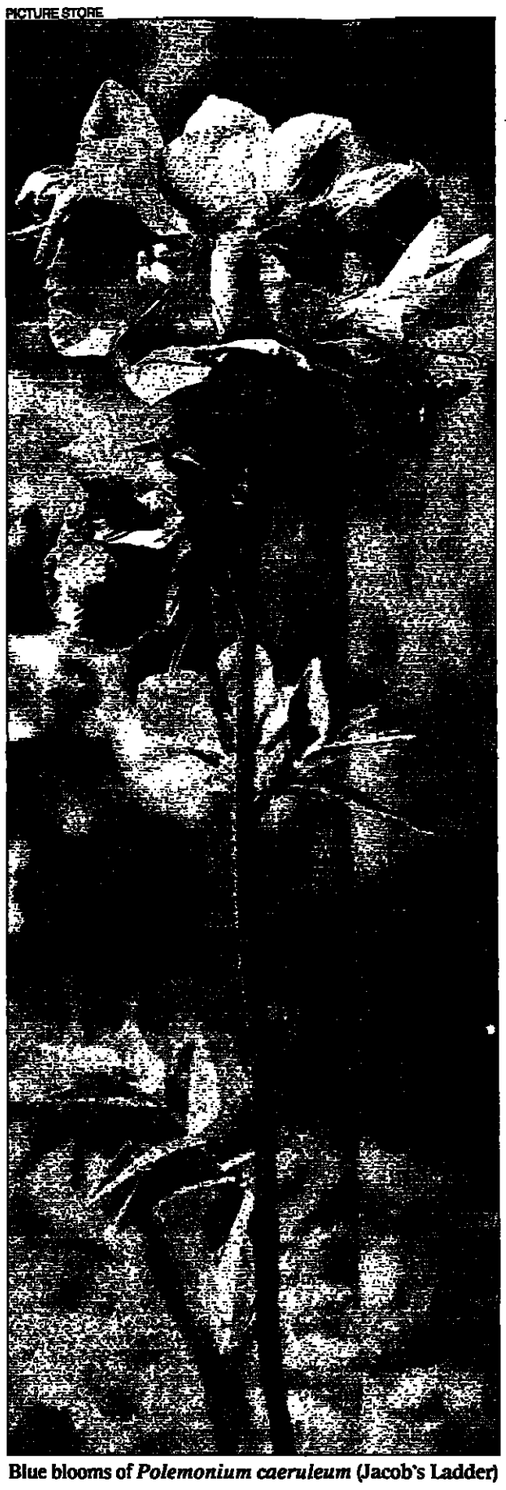
Parents with very young children will have to decide which one of them stays in charge at the playground. If you take the toddler around the garden, you can bet your life that just when you have trekked a mile or so to an 18th-century eyecatcher, the child will want to go to the lavatory, which is nowhere in sight.

Just remember: the eyes of the garden-visiting National Trust card-holding world could be watching you down the classical vistas, abhorring the rise of child appeal.

STEPHEN ANDERTON

George Plumptre, The Times Gardener, on two perennials worth more attention

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Blue blooms of *Polemonium caeruleum* (Jacob's Ladder)



Greeny-yellow *Polemonium pauciflorum*



Blue-yellow *Sisyrinchium idahoense*

Jacob's Ladder into the blue

Polemoniums and sisyrinchiums are such well-behaved and useful families of summer-flowering perennials that they are easily overshadowed by their more showy and temperamental colleagues. Different plants from each genus featured in a number of displays at this year's Chelsea Flower Show, but they are true garden plants, not just for show: easy to grow, with long flowering seasons, and striking but different foliage habits.

Polemonium caeruleum has the delightful common name Jacob's Ladder, because of the arrangement of its ferny leaflets at right-angles up the stems of 2-3ft. It produces rounded blue flowers in early summer which continue into July, sometimes longer. Native to Britain, it has been cultivated for centuries (supposedly first by the Romans). It should be planted in full sun or partial shade, and the only thing to look out for is its invasive tendency, because it self-seeds vigorously.

The ladder-like arrangement of pinnate foliage is common to all polemoniums, but two others I recommend, *P. carneum* and *P. pauciflorum*, are different in appearance to Jacob's Ladder.

P. carneum is a native of California but, despite originating in a hot climate, it is reliably hardy. It is more dome-shaped than Jacob's Ladder and makes a superb clump of ferny foliage, usually about 1-2ft high. The flowers are the same rounded shape as Jacob's Ladder but appear later, and their colour is a real contrast, changing as they mature. Often almost white in bud in late June or July, they later take on a pink or flesh-like hue, which gives the plant its name. The strength of pink varies, considerably, depending on the soil — alkaline is the favourite — and can become almost purple as the flowers mature into late summer.

P. pauciflorum is smaller, usually growing to about 1ft. It is another American native, from arid southwest states such as Arizona, but is also hardy. The whole plant has a slightly droopy habit, accentuated by the flowers which are tubular, with open petals at the end like small hanging trumpets. Pale greeny-yellow in colour, they have a bronze tint where the petals join the tubes. All polemoniums have graceful habits, but this one's combination of leaf and flowers make it particularly elegant and easy to integrate into any mid to late-summer border combination.

Sisyrinchiums, with spiky iris or grass-like leaves, make a startling contrast to polemoniums. The clean, bold lines of sisyrinchiums are invaluable among more blowsy or pendulous plants. *S. striatum* was used to good effect on a number of stands at Chelsea. A couple of years ago it underwent a brief change of identity and was re-named *Phaiophleps nigricans*, but happily its old name has been restored and is the one you will find in nursery catalogues.

Most sisyrinchiums originate from South or Central America, and they like a sunny, well-drained position. But they are true perennials, being reliably hardy, if not always very long-lived.

S. striatum is Andean and one of the tallest, growing to 2ft or more. Its green sword-like leaves are complemented by taller, erect stems up which the star-like white or creamy flowers appear in June and July. There is a variegated form, 'Aunt May', for whom the inspirational aunt must have been a fearsome character, given its sharp-edged leaves and tall flower spikes.

Last year I bought a plant of *S. idahoense* 'Californian Skies', which has been a great success. Far smaller than *S. striatum*, it makes a low clump about 4in high, but has similarly spiky leaves. The flowers are mauve-blue, with tiny yellow centres, and stand out brilliantly against the dark green leaves. They appear at the end of May and continue through the summer.

I planted mine to one side of our front gate, where it has put up with regular knocks. Such toughness makes it an ideal candidate for planting in gravel or in the gaps between paving stones on a terrace, rather than in a border where it would have to be planted right at the front.

You may not find all of these plants at a garden centre, but a good nursery should stock some, if not all.

They are also listed in *The Plant Finder* (Moorland Publishing, £12.99) and, for those varieties that do not have a "widely available" entry, the book includes the names of specialist nurseries which offer them.

WEEKEND TIPS

- *When dead-heading roses, also remove suckers at the base.*
- *Ensure that soft fruit, such as raspberries and gooseberries, are netted to counter attacks by hungry birds.*
- *Divide flat iris if the rhizome has grown to a large clump. Lift and divide the rhizomes, retaining the outer pieces, with roots, and discarding the old centre. Replant so that the tops catch the sun.*
- *Damaged or curled-up foliage is best removed now. Many insects and caterpillars can be removed by hand or treated with derris or insecticidal soap if you want to avoid pesticides, though these are more effective.*
- *Plant out the strong seedlings of winter vegetables, such as cabbage and brussels sprouts. Space cabbage about 18in apart, the brussels sprouts 2-3ft, and water regularly for the next few weeks.*

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Gardens to visit

☐ **Montacute House, Abbey Farm and Park House, Montacute, Somerset (Montacute House 01935 823289; Abbey Farm, 01935 823572).**

Open tomorrow, 2-5.30pm. Combined entrance £2, children free. Montacute House open daily throughout year, except Tues, 11.30am-5.30pm. Entrance (garden only) £2.70; Nov-April £1.30.

Montacute House and its garden enclosures, with yew topiary and herbaceous borders surrounded by Elizabethan Ham stone walls and overlooked by delightful gazebos, is one of the National Trust's most visited gems. Visitors to the house tomorrow should also make time for two other gardens in the village which open together once a year.

Abbey Farm was once the gatehouse to the medieval Clunion Priory, and the series of small adjoining gardens, enclosed by walls of the same Ham stone, are an ideal setting for the ancient building. Summer-flowering clematis, climbing roses and wall shrubs are trained up behind herbaceous borders. The planting throughout is being constantly extended. A small arboretum is among recent additions.

The second garden belongs to Park House which, earlier this century, was the home of the literary trio of Powys brothers and features in many of their books. The house looks out over open lawn and the most rewarding area for the visitor is the old walled garden, where herbaceous and mixed borders enclose a kitchen garden in the process of being redesigned.

☐ **Hunworth Hall, near Holt, Norfolk (01263 713306).**

Two miles south of Holt, on Briston road, turn right to Hunworth Green. Open tomorrow, 2-5pm. £1.50, children free.

Formal late-17th century gardens were the models for this impressive example created over the past eight years. The house was built in the 1690s and has attractive Dutch gables. This, and the knowledge that there was an original Dutch-style garden, encouraged the owners, Henry and Charlotte Crawley, to embark on making one of their own.

The Crawleys started with a two-acre rectangle that had reverted to rough grass, enclosed on three sides by 17th-century brick walls, with the house close which extends to a gazebo raised on stilt-like columns, with a hipped roof and lantern topped with a golden ball. In line with the gazebo, at the end of the second canal, is an orangery, with columns surmounted with terracotta urns.

The period formality is meticulous, with avenues of standard hollies, and old varieties of cherry trained in espaliers against the walls. Behind the gazebo and orangery an enormous 80-year-old beech hedge clipped into topiary shapes conceals the kitchen garden beyond.



Stone pavilion at Montacute House

☐ **Bramham Park, Wetherby, Yorkshire (01937 844 265).**

Five miles south of Wetherby, off A1. Open tomorrow-Sept 3, Sun, Tues, Wed, Thurs, 1.15-5.30pm (last entry 5pm). £2, children £1.

Bramham Park is the grandest formal woodland garden in England. Extending to 50 acres, it covers two areas divided by a small valley. The garden was laid out in the early 18th century by Robert Benson, a former Chancellor of the Exchequer who built Bramham (also open). Mature beech woodland has been maintained with the addition of much replanting in recent years. Long paths lined with clipped hedges cut vistas between the trees, with a series of outstanding temples overlooks a sunken formal rose garden, with one area of the woodland garden beyond. The garden's most delightful building, a gothic temple, stands in a large glade with the grass sloping down to a series of cascades. Views extend across the small dividing valley to the second area of woodland, where the dome of an impressive rotunda and a tall obelisk beckon. A complete tour of the garden is for the energetic visitor.

☐ **Ingatestone Hall, Ingatestone, Essex (01277 353010).**

In Ingatestone, take signed turning from main street. Open April 15-Sept, Fri, Sun and Bank Hol Mon, and Thurs July 12 to Aug, all 1-6pm. £3.50, children £2.

This is a garden to visit and savour; the Elizabethan atmosphere lingers, in keeping with the fine Tudor red-brick house (also open), begun in the 1540s by the Petre family, who still live here. Pleached limes line the drive to the stable block, with a central clock tower over an arch through which the U-shaped house appears beyond wide lawns. A yew hedge to the right screens the main area of garden, where a large lawn sweeps down from the house to a long rectangular stew pond. This is as old as the house, or older, and was dug to provide fresh fish. On the far bank, a nut walk leads into a long walk between pollarded limes. Clumps of gunnera shade the banks.

☐ **Shipton Hall, Much Wenlock, Shropshire (01746 636225).**

In Shipton, six miles southwest of Much Wenlock. Open Easter to end Sept, Thur, Bank Hol Sun and Mon. £2.50, children £1.50.

Shipton presents a delightful picture from the small passing road. The view extends across a walled courtyard garden, with a central path and flights of steps between neatly mown grass, up to the Tudor stone house. On one side is a Georgian stable block and dovecot, just in view on the other is a Saxon church. The courtyard garden, with drums of clipped golden yew and borders of old-fashioned shrub and climbing roses, has an intimacy that is well suited to the architecture of the house. Towards the church the path leads past a weeping lime tree and a long herbaceous border.

How to be led up the garden path

Stephen Anderton has clear ideas on avenues for cottages and town houses

Houses with a central front door and a path leading directly to it present a perfect opportunity for a *mini* avenue of specimen shrubs or small trees.

Last summer I visited a Yorkshire farmhouse with six pairs of standard roses marching up the garden path. It was the variety 'Ballerina', a delicate rose with single, bluish-pink flowers and yellow anthers in the centre. They made good balls of flower and foliage a yard across, and gave purpose to the path without being heavy. The borders were planted with low perennials to let the roses float free above. The range of roses available as standards is not huge, but this variety is reasonably easily found. The Victorian 'variety, 'White Pet', would be a paler alternative.

More recently, I looked at a cottage garden in Northumberland incorporating a small quarry. The doorway to the quarry dell was approached down parallel mixed borders in which grew opposite pairs of the apple tree 'Scotch Bridget'. They were pruned to keep them to a small head, were full of flowers — and, later, fruit — and each 'Scotch Bridget' was no taller than perhaps 8ft.

How much more suitable for a cottage garden it was — and more colourful — than the predictable pairs of cypress or upright Irish yews. The trunks left plenty of space for tall perennials to fill the border by mid season and, when the trees blossomed, there was colour at a high level.

In a less cottagey border, I might be tempted to try the scarlet-flowered crab apple 'Profusion', treated in the same way and kept to a small head. In a chic town garden it might be fun to try the purple-leaved, pink-flowered *Prunus pissardii* or, better still, its smaller lookalike, *Prunus cistena*, grafted on to a trunk.

A tight-growing rowan, such as *Sorbus aucuparia* 'Fastigiata', might be good mini-avenue material too, although I would hesitate to mass many rowans in a formal garden because of the often foul smell which comes from the open flowers. *Sorbus vilmorinii* is the right size. It has pink and white fruits and ferny foliage, and would be perfect for an avenue if it did not fill the air with such evil, suspicious odours.

A large-flowered clematis is a good addition to mini-avenue trees which do not have fruit or other interest later. The 'little Chinese cherry *Prunus triloba* would be perfect with its early colour. It is naturally a medium-sized shrub, but it can be bought as a half standard on a breast-high trunk. *Prunus triloba* flowers on the previous season's wood, and it can be pruned hard every year after flowering to produce a star-burst of stems about 4-5ft across.

The flowers, which bloom in March or April, are a soft, sugary pink. They are formal, double, and frilly in a wedding-cake manner. The leaves that follow are pale green and, unusually for a cherry, conspicuously three-lobed. Each lobe points forward like the prongs of a toasting fork.

Acer pseudoplatanus 'Brilliantissimum' is a favourite. It is a tree shaped like a dome on a stick, and creates a highlight in a mixed border. The new leaves are an alarming shrimp pink for a few weeks before they fade to show the plant's true sycamore colours. It is usually supplied top-grafted on a trunk and, being extremely slow-growing, makes a dense head over many years.

In a shadier place, where high jinks are not expected of the garden later, it could make a telling little avenue, perhaps planted into evergreen shrubberies.

A mini avenue of perfect spheres is best provided by clipped evergreens. Holly will do beautifully and, although it takes many years to develop a dense 4ft ball on a 4ft trunk, it is worth waiting for, especially in a formal garden. If the holly is a berry-bearing female and variegated (for example, 'Handsworth New Silver' or 'Madame Briot'), then the effect is even more remarkable.

With careful attention to feeding and drainage, old holly balls can also be grown in large planters or square Versailles tubs.

Hatfield House has a remarkable mini avenue of the evergreen oak *Quercus ilex*. A long line of them flanks a formal path, each head clipped to a perfect sphere and positioned above the heads of those walking along the path. When the sun is in the right position, the oaks cast a perfect set of circular shadows down the path. There is pleasure to be gained from both the heads of the trees and the smooth trunks standing tall and straight.

Equally good for this purpose is *Phillyrea latifolia*, a member of the olive family. The leaf is smaller than the evergreen oak's, but as dark green and glossy. The flowers may be insignificant, but the plant has great poise.

It is slightly tender in its early years, but is tough enough once established, even for northern gardens. Older bark becomes grey and rugged, which would be an asset in a clipped avenue.

Also evergreen, but with perfumed white flowers in spring, are *Osmanthus delavayi* and *burkwoodii*. The latter is bigger and stronger, and the more likely of the two to make an effective trunk. Both will stand clipping, which is done immediately after flowering, to produce new flowering shoots for next spring.

In a warm, sheltered garden it might be fun to make a mini avenue of a plant with distinctly exotic foliage, such as the bristling rosettes of *Cordyline australis*, the New Zealand cabbage tree. The Chusan palm, *Trachycarpus fortunei*, has fan-shaped leaves in a cluster at the head of a hairy, columnar trunk. In old age it will be tall enough for a full-sized avenue. But even 10ft can take decades to reach, depending on the climate. Perhaps one might try the (almost) hardy Japanese banana, *Musa basjoo*, for its mighty paddle-shaped leaves.



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Musa basjoo, the Japanese banana, lends an exotic air to the mini avenue of a sheltered garden

GARDEN ANSWERS



STEPHEN ANDERTON replies to readers' letters

Q We have cleared some ground on the edge of woodland and want to plant a yew hedge. First, we need to poison the weeds, including virulent ivy. We have already turned over the earth with a bulldozer. Which weed and ivy killer do you recommend? — Anne Louise Dalrymple, North Berwick, East Lothian.

A Spraying with glyphosate will kill ivy, but it may require several treatments. I would have suggested that you use sodium chlorate on ground like this — keeping it away from the roots of trees and other plants — and waiting a year until this total weedkiller had leached away before you plant. As it is, if you have bulldozed the ivy into the soil, it will continue to reappear for at least a year, during which time you can spray what emerges.

When clearing an ivy-infested area, it is better first to pull up and burn all you can. Alternatively, if you are prepared to spray, then this is your best opportunity; the ivy will never again have so much leaf through which to absorb a chemical. Once it has died back, burn it off, either on a bonfire or where it lies. During cultivation, remove all the root you can find, so that only the minimum is left to be killed as it re-emerges.

Never hurry to install a planting on weed-infested ground.

Q There are young apple trees in the lawn of my garden. Should I keep the soil bare under them, or can the grass grow up to the trunks? — F. Barron, Bath, Avon.

A Trees benefit from the lack of grass competition, especially productive fruit trees. However, large, mature fruit trees can cope and still give a good crop. Smaller ones, especially those on dwarfing rootstocks such as M2 and M9, are better kept free of grass, and the soil under them mulched to increase fertility.

Even the large fruit trees are better free of grass in the first few years, over an area a yard in diameter. Thereafter, the grass may close in.

Wye College, in Kent, undertook trials on sycamores testing trees smothered in grass against others sprayed out in small circles or sprayed over their whole roof area. The trees with no grass competition were four times the size of the smothered trees, after just a few years.

Q I have only indoor windowsills on which to "garden". I do not want geraniums, and would like to grow annuals, such as candytuft and love-in-a-mist. Will this work? — Joyce Tamburino, Weston-super-Mare, Avon.

A It's worth trying if your windows are sunny. Go for the low-growing species, or dwarf strains, as the plants will inevitably be drawn upward. Gazanias would be good, and the dwarf blue ageratums and browallias. Busy lizzies would do well. Turn the plants daily, and pinch them out in the early stages to make denser plants. But watch out for greenfly.

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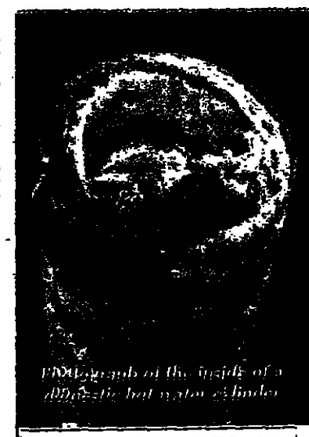
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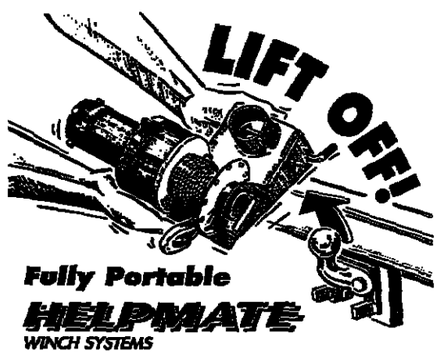
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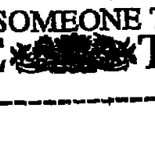
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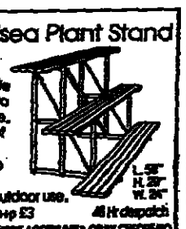
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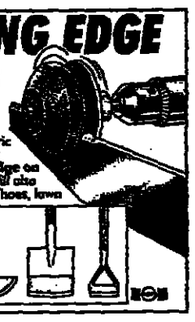
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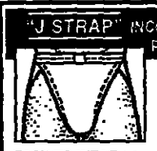


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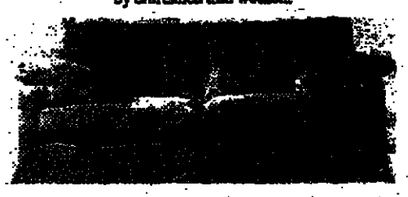
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LONDON STORES

☐ **Arding & Hobbs**
Clapham Junction, SW11 (0171-228 8877). Now-July 5.
Up to half-price reductions in fashion, including ladies' Dannimac raincoats from £155 to £77.50 and selected men's suits, including Pierre Cardin from £249 to £149. Ready-made curtains, bedlinen, oriental carpets and lighting also reduced. Sanyo SY994 midi CD hi-fi system down from £799.99 to £399.99.

☐ **Fenwick**
New Bond Street, W1 (0171-629 9161). June 27-July 21.
Up to 30 per cent off ladies' designerwear, including Nicole Farhi, Paul Costelloe, Mani, Georges Rech, Jasper Conran, Betty Jackson, Cerruti, Caroline Charles and Jean Muir Studio. Up to 30 per cent reductions on Nicole Farhi, Paul Smith, Kenzo, Katharine Hamnett and Joseph menswear.

☐ **Fortnum & Mason**
Piccadilly, W1 (0171-734 8040). June 28-July 16.
General reductions, including F&M vintage port reduced from £14.95 to £13.25. One-third off selected designer fashions.

☐ **Harrods**
Knightsbridge, SW1 (0171-730 1234). July 12-22 (open Sunday, July 16).
Extra 10 per cent discount for Harrods account holders on July 15 when new accounts can be opened. Sale preview for furniture and major household items on July 6-8. Fifty per cent off Ralph Lauren, Thomas Starzewski; 40 per cent off Ozbek, Gucci, Galliano, Montana; 50 per cent off Carrs of Sheffield sterling silver and silver-plated cutlery canteens and photograph frames.

☐ **Harvey Nichols**
Knightsbridge, SW1 (0171-235 5000). July 5 onwards.
Up to 50 per cent off current designerwear stock, including Calvin Klein, Dolce & Gabbana, Jean Muir, Alberta Ferretti and Moschino.

☐ **House of Fraser**
Army & Navy, Victoria Street, SW1 (0171-834 1234); Barkers, Kensington High Street, W8 (0171-937 5432); Dickens & Jones, Regent Street, W1 (0171-734 7070); DH Evans, Oxford Street, W1 (0171-629 8800) and High Road, Wood Green, N22 (0181-889 3111). June 20-July 29.
Myers Shannon three-drawer 4ft 6in divan down from £599 to £299. Savings of £600 on Valencia upholstered three-piece suite. JVC 14in colour TV down from £189.99 to £149.99; Toshiba U204B video recorder from £279.99 to £219.99; Tefal kettle cordless jug from £23.99 to £18.99; Philips steam iron from £34.99 to £24.99.



☐ **John Lewis**
Oxford Street, W1 (0171-629 7711); Brent Cross Shopping Centre (0181-202 6535). July 11 for two weeks.
Wide selection of bedlinen, towels and other linen reduced. Reductions on women's, men's and children's wear. Selected "seconds" furnishing fabrics at £1.95 per metre.

☐ **Liberty**
Regent Street, W1 (0171-734 1234). June 28 onwards.
Florence sofa reduced from £2,200 to £1,295; 60 per cent off printed designers silks; one-third off Liberty print Tana lawn and Varuna wool; 50 per cent off Nuno Japanese textile cotton. Liberty bedlinen reductions include Hera double duvet from £78.95 to £39; 20 per cent off Peter Read cotton bedlinen.

☐ **Peter Jones**
Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 3434). July 11 for two weeks.
Substantial bargains in glass, china, bedlinens, table linens, towels.

☐ **Selfridges**
Oxford Street, W1 (0171-629 1234). July 3 for about four weeks.
Maxmara ladies' suits reduced from £329 to £164; Calvin Klein ladies' jackets from £320 to £160. Dolce & Gabbana linen suit from £439 to £407. Jasper Conran men's suit from £399 to £279. Selected Paul Smith, Hugo Boss and Joseph menswear down by 30 per cent.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

☐ **Allders/At Home with Allders**
Concessions nationwide (See Arding & Hobbs, London Stores, for details.) Now onwards.

☐ **Beatties**
Aylesbury (01296 399996); Birkenhead (0151-647 6642); Burton-on-Trent (01283 515515); Dudley (01384 459922); Northampton (01604 21111); Solihull (0121-7058111); Sutton Coldfield (0121-3556123); Wolverhampton (01902 22311); Worcester (01905 723456). June 30 onwards.
Large reductions in ladies' and men's fashions, plus handbags, china, glass, linens and carpets.

☐ **Bentalls**
Kingston upon Thames (0181-546 1001); Lakeside, Thurrock (01708 860077); Ealing (0181-567 3040); Worthing (01903 231801); Bracknell (01344 424678); Tonbridge (01732 771177); Tunbridge Wells (01892 525222). June 29-July 29.
Preview for account customers June 28. Blue Cross sale (50 per cent off sale price) July 29.

☐ **Denners**
High Street, Yeovil, Somerset (01935 74444). June 22-July 15.
Up to 50 per cent reductions on Jaeger, Viyella, Liz Claiborne, Country Casuals, Wallis, Easter, Aleton, Jacques Vert and Planet. Selected Fogarty quilts and Country Diary Classic designs from Dorma at half-price.

☐ **Fenwick**
Brent Cross, Hendon, London NW4 (0181-202 8200); Leicester (0116 2553322); Newcastle (0191-232 5100); Canterbury (01227 766866); Tunbridge Wells (01892 516716); Windsor (01753 855537); York (01904 643322). From today at Leicester, June 20 at Brent Cross, June 22 at York, June 27 at Newcastle and Tunbridge Wells, June 29 at Canterbury and Windsor. All for about three weeks.
Up to 30 per cent reductions throughout all stores.



☐ **House of Fraser**
Stores nationwide, including Binns, Dickins & Jones, Dingles, House of Fraser, Jollys, Kendals, Rackhams, Schofields, Arnotts, Frasers, David Evans and Howells. June 20-July 29.
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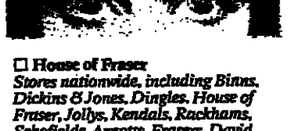
☐ **Jenners**
48 Princes Street, Edinburgh (0131-225 2442). June 27 onwards.
Men's shirts, sweaters, suits and ladies' designerwear reduced by up to 50 per cent. Reductions on bedlinen, towels, china, glass, lighting and luggage.

☐ **John Lewis**
Stores nationwide: Baisbridge, Newcastle upon Tyne (0191-232 5000); Bonds, Norwich (01603 660021); Caleys, Windsor (01753 863241); Cole Bros, Sheffield (0114 2768511); Heelas, Reading (01734 575955); Jessop & Son, Nottingham (0115 9418282); Knight & Lee, Southsea (01705 822511); George Henry Lee, Liverpool (0151-709 7070); Robert Sayle, Cambridge (01223 61292); Trewins, Watford (01923 244266); Tyrell & Green, Southampton (01703 227711). July 11 for two weeks.
Details as for John Lewis (London Stores).

☐ **Rieesmans**
St George's Lane, Canterbury (01227 766866). June 29-July 29.
Generous reductions throughout the store. Blue Cross sale, discounts of up to 50 per cent off sale prices, starts July 22.

FASHION

☐ **Ally Capellino**
95 Wardour Street, London W1 (0171-494 0768). July 1 for about six weeks.
Up to 50 per cent off spring and summer collections.



☐ **Armand Basi**
12 Floral Street, Covent Garden, London WC2 (0171-278 4843). Last week in July onwards.
Summer stock reduced by 30 per cent including logo T-shirts and polo shirts, short-sleeve cotton shirts, and patterned polo shirts and lightweight trousers for men and women.

☐ **Aquascutum**
100 Regent Street, London W1 (0171-734 6090). June 21-July 29.
From 30 per cent off coats, jackets and separates for men and women.

☐ **Austin Reed**
103-113 Regent Street, London W1 (0171-734 6789) and 47 branches nationwide (inquiries 0800 585479). June 29 for about three weeks.
Extra 5 per cent discount for account customers on preview days, June 27 and 28. Men's Bengal stripe business shirts down from £29.95 to £14.95; navy single breasted two-piece suit from £225 to £169; navy single-breasted blazer from £189 to £129; cream wide-leg women's trousers from £79 to £37.50; mini-kilt from £65 to £49.95.

☐ **Brora**
344 King's Road, London SW3 (0171-352 3697). July 13-29.
Substantial reductions on cashmere, tweeds, tartans and woollen clothes for men and women. Bed blankets reduced from £65 to £55, waterproof-backed picnic rugs from £45 to £35, tweed suitcases from £195 to £165.

☐ **Burberrys**
18-22 Haymarket, London SW1 (0171-930 3343); 165 Regent Street, London W1 (0171-734 4060). June 22 onwards.
Ladies' trenchcoat reduced from £495 to £275; short-belted raincoat from £350 to £195; blazer from £310 to £175; silk squares from £82.50 to £45. Men's trenchcoat from £515 to £395; blazers from £285 to £165; casual jackets from £195 to £95; cotton polo shirts from £45 to £25; cashmere scarves from £95 to £47.50.

☐ **Caroline Charles**
56-57 Beauchamp Place, London SW3 (0171-225 3197); 170 New Bond Street, London W1 (0171-493 4733). July 5 onwards.
Up to 50 per cent off selected stock.

☐ **Catherine Walker**
65 Sydney Street, London SW3 (0171-352 4626). July 5 for three weeks.
Up to 50 per cent reductions on selected items.

☐ **Dorothy Perkins**
Stores nationwide (inquiries 0171-291 2604). July 3 for about four weeks.
Between 30 and 50 per cent reductions on selected items.

☐ **Esprit**
38 Long Acre, Covent Garden, London WC2 (0171-497 0620); 6 Sloane Street, London SW1 (0171-245 9139); 165-167 Kensington High Street, London W8 (0171-376 0012); 82 King's Road, London SW3 (0171-589 7211); Whiteleys Centre, Queensway, London W2 (0171-229 7436) and branches. June 22-July 16.
Up to 50 per cent off all spring and selected summer goods.

☐ **Georgina von Etzdorf**
50 Burlington Arcade, London W1 (0171-409 7789); 149 Sloane Street, London SW1 (0171-823 5638). June 28-July 29.
Men's and ladies' waistcoats reduced from £190 to £65.

☐ **Gieves & Hawkes**
1 Savile Row, London W1 (0171-434 2001); 18 Lime Street, London EC3 (0171-283 4914); and branches in Bath (01225 463839); Cheltenham (01242 221418); Chester (01244 327576); Edinburgh (0131-225 7456); Portsmouth (01705 821351). June 26 onwards (Lime Street closed Saturdays).
Pure wool suits reduced from £495 to £245 and from £895 to £695; blazers from £295 to £195; wool trousers from £125 to £75; shirts from £59 to £35. Ties half price or less.

☐ **Graham & Green**
10 Elgin Crescent, London W11 (0171-727 4594). July 7-23.
Up to 40 per cent off Ghost, John Rocha, Transit, Diapositive and Lolita Lempicka. Swimwear bargains from Capucine Puerari. Selected jewellery reduced by 10-15 per cent.

☐ **Jaeger**
200-206 Regent Street, London W1 and branches nationwide (inquiries 0171-494 2060). June 21 onwards.
From 20 to 50 per cent reductions, including raincoats from £299 to £179; cardigans from £139 to £89; jackets from £239 to £149.

☐ **Jeffrey Rogers**
Branches nationwide (inquiries 0171-208 4300). End June for about three weeks.
Up to 50 per cent reductions, including jackets down from £39.99 to £19.99, skirts from £17.99 to £9.99.

☐ **Hermes**
179 Sloane Street, London SW1 (0171-823 1014); 155 New Bond Street, London W1 (0171-499 8856); 3 Royal Exchange, London EC3 (0171-626 7794). Now onwards.
Current season's ready-to-wear reduced by 40 per cent. Previous season's items reduced by 60 per cent. Scarves reduced to £90.

☐ **Loewe**
130 New Bond Street, London W1 (0171-493 3914). June 29-start August.
From 30 to 50 per cent reductions on selected spring and summer stock.

☐ **Long Tall Sally**
21 Chiltern Street, London W1 (0171-487 3300) and 18 branches nationwide. July 5-end July.
Major reductions on dresses, half-price skirts and selected trousers for tall women (5ft 8in and over) in sizes from 12 to 20.

☐ **Margaret Howell**
29 Beauchamp Place, London SW3 (0171-584 2462); 24 Brook Street, London W1 (0171-495 4888); 7 Paved Court, Richmond, Surrey (0181-948 5005). Now onwards.
Reductions from 30 to 50 per cent.

☐ **MaxMara**
32 Sloane Street, London SW1 (0171-235 7941); 153 New Bond Street, London W1 (0171-491 4748). July 4 onwards.
Discounts of up to 30 per cent.

☐ **Neisha Crosland**
Unit 48 Battersea Business Centre, Lavender Hill, London SW11 (0171-978 4389). July 3-15.
Sample sale of scarves and cushions.

☐ **Next**
54-58 Kensington High Street, London W8 (0171-938 4211) and branches nationwide. June 12-July 12.
Up to 50 per cent off many items.

☐ **Oshkosh B'Gosh**
17-19 King's Road, London SW3 and stockists nationwide (inquiries 01604 790613). July 4 onwards.
Reductions on many items.

☐ **Oxiset**
35 Brompton Road, London SW3 (0171-584 5439) and branches (inquiries 0171-580 0600). June 26-July 27.
Reductions of 25 per cent for first two weeks and 50 per cent during last week of sale.

☐ **Rochester Big & Tall**
90 Brompton Road, London SW3 (0171-838 0018). Beginning July-mid July.
From 20 to 50 per cent reductions on selected items.

☐ **The Scotch House**
2 Brompton Road, London SW1 and 84-86 Regent Street, London W1 and branches (inquiries 0171-581 2151). June 21 for 14-21 days.
Ladies' cashmere knitwear reduced from £165 to £119. Men's lambswool crew and V necks from £69.50 to £39.50.

☐ **Simpson**
Piccadilly, London W1 (0171-734 2002). June 22-July 29.
DAKS ladies' jackets from £229 to £159. Up to 30 per cent off Betty Barclay, New Man, Synonyme and Scurabaus. Men's suits from £289 to £199, jackets from £189 to £139. Up to 20 per cent off selected Kurt Geiger shoes.



☐ **Thomas Pink**
85 Jermyn Street, London SW1 and branches (inquiries 0171-498 2202). June 28-July 15.
Reductions on most items.

☐ **Zegna**
35 New Bond Street, London W1 (0171-493 4471); 42 Shelton Street, London WC2 (0171-497 0001). July 1 for two weeks.
Up to 50 per cent reductions.

SHOES

☐ **Aniens**
14 Kensington Church Street, London W8 (0171-376 0059). June 5-end July.
Between 20 and 50 per cent reductions.

☐ **Bally**
246 Oxford Street, London W1 (0171-629 6045) and all branches nationwide. June 29 onwards.
Up to one third off selected handbags and ladies' and men's shoes.

☐ **Charles Jourdan**
39-43 Brompton Road, London SW3 (0171-581 3333). June 30-end July.
Reductions of 30 per cent.

☐ **Fratelli Rossetti**
177 New Bond Street, London W1 (0171-58149) 7066); 196 Sloane Street, London SW1 (0171-259 6397). July 1 onwards.
About 30 per cent off shoes and leather garments.

☐ **Gina Shoes**
189 Sloane Street, London SW1 (0171-235 2932). July 7 onwards.
Between 20 and 80 per cent reductions.

☐ **Ravel**
184-188 Oxford Street, London W1 and branches nationwide (inquiries 0171-631 0224. Mid July onwards.
Up to 50 per cent off selected ladies', men's and children's shoes.

☐ **Robert Clergerie**
67 Wigmore Street, London W1 (0171-935 3601). End June onwards.
Up to 30 per cent off selected fashion shoes; 50 per cent off selected handbags.

☐ **Russell & Bromley**
24 New Bond Street, London W1 (0171-629 6903) and branches nationwide. July 7 onwards.
Between one-third and half-price reductions on selected ladies' and men's shoes; plus handbags.

☐ **The Small and Tall Shoe Shop**
71 York Street, London W1 (0171-723 5321). June 28-July 1 for small sizes; July 5-15 for large sizes.
Reductions on women's shoes in small sizes (13-2½) and large sizes (8½-11).

CHILDRENSWEAR

☐ **Boots**
Childrenswear in 200 larger Boots stores nationwide (inquiries 0115 949 5581). June 19 for about four weeks.
Reductions on most garments.

INTERIORS

☐ **CCA Galleries**
8 Dover Street, London W1 (0171-499 6701 and branch inquiries). Branches in Farnham, Bath, Oxford and Cambridge. July 1-August 15.
Greatly reduced prices on all prints on display. Frames half-price or free with selected prints. Each shop has different prints.

☐ **The Curtain Exchange**
133 Stephendale Road, London SW6 (0171-731 8316) and branches nationwide. Now-July 15.
Buys and sells virtually perfect second-hand curtains at a third of original cost. Geoffrey Bennison curtains reduced by 50 per cent. All shops have different curtains available.

☐ **Descamps**
197 Sloane Street, London SW1 (0171-235 6957). June 28-end July.
Between 30 and 50 per cent reductions on towels, bedlinen and robes.

☐ **The General Trading Company**
144 Sloane Street, London SW1 (0171-730 0411); 10 Argyle Street, Bath (01225 461507); 2-4 Dyson Street, Cirencester (01285 652314). July 11-22.
Cream throw reduced from £85 to £50; animal cushions from £47 to £30; kelim-covered stools from £640 to £540; large dried flower arrangements from £79.95 to £45. Selected quilts and china reduced by 25 per cent.

☐ **Graham & Green**
4 & 7 Elgin Crescent, London W11 (0171-727 4594) 164 Regent's Park Road, London NW1 (0171 586 2960). July 7-23.
All kelims reduced by 25 per cent. Selected Ikat fabrics reduced by 20 per cent. Bedlinen bargains including Piubelle double duvet covers down from £48 to £38. Clearance of display garden furniture including MBG folding green slatted chairs from £29.50 to £23. Baskets and hampers at special prices, bargains in Mexican glass and Indian tablecloths.

☐ **Jane Churchill**
151 Sloane Street, London SW1 (0171-730 9847); in Liberty, Regent Street, London W1 (0171-734 1234); 3a Christopher Place, St Albans (01727 860293); 13 Fitzroy Street, Cambridge (01223 323211). June 28 onwards.
Fifty per cent off selected decorative accessories, fabric "seconds" and wallpaper "seconds"; 20 per cent off all furniture sold during sale.

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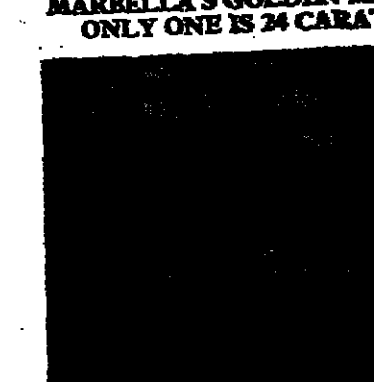
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Known as The Chapel, the first-floor three-bedroomed property at Royal Watermans Almhouses, Penge, is under offer at £150,150

The first sale by Pavilions of Splendour, after Gwyn Headley formed the eccentrically-named company last summer, went for £1.05. The property, a Victorian gingerbread-style cottage in the village of Deeping near Corby, Northamptonshire, was without water, electricity, sanitation and vehicle access. The new purchasers were not concerned. They had the use of the building for 21 years, providing they undertook to bring it up to modern standards and hand it back to the freeholder in that state.

It was a good deal for Mr Headley too. He was paid £2,000 for handling the contract. "This represented a commission of 1,905 per cent. I doubt if I shall ever better that," he says.

Mr Headley's enterprise, which takes its name from the old hymn, is eccentric all the way down to its prices, which are given in guineas. It is not so much an estate agency as a dating service for those who desire a meaningful relationship with a folly, ruin, castle, stable, pagoda, dovecote, grotto or obelisk.

Pavilions of Splendour numbers among its present clients the owners of a crenellated building that could be part of a film set for Dracula; a brick-built towered chapel in Penge, southeast London; and a wisteria-clad Victorian fantasy in Woolhope, Herefordshire.

Recent sales include a cottage in Brightling, East Sussex that was formerly a cruciform early 19th-century observatory, and a derelict folly tower near Perth that Mr Headley sold last year for 25,000 guineas (£26,250).

Dudley House in Dulwich, a southeast London pavilion, is a Victorian neo-Gothic folly incorporating grandeur on a tiny scale. With crenellations that crawl up the pitched roof of the three bedroomed property, and battlements on the flat part above the kitchen, it is quite unlike the sober terraces that make up the rest of the street. Inside, the fantasy is repeated. In the living room, the distinctive ceiling is characterised by extraordinary ornate plaster loops and curves that swirl up around the frieze and curve in towards the rose in the centre.

The house was the creation of leading plasterer Ralph Gardiner, who built it in 1882 to attract potential clients in addition to those who came to him impressed by the plasterwork he created at nearby Dulwich College. It is now on the market with Pavilions of Splendour at 130,000 guineas (£136,500).

Three miles away is another south London curiosity, described by Sir Nikolaus Pevsner in his *Buildings of England* series as "the most prominent building in Penge". Known as The Chapel, it could pass as a gatehouse of a Tudor palace. The first-floor property is part of a group of almshouses built in 1840 "for aged watermen and lightermen of the River Thames". It has a Victorian hammerbeam ceiling, decorated with two grotesque plaster faces. The three-bedroomed property, complete with tower rooms which won a Civic Trust award in 1991, is currently under offer at 143,000 guineas (£150,150).

Wessington Court, Woolhope, Herefordshire, is the south wing of a large brick Victorian country house, once occupied by the Booker-McConnell family, sponsors of the Booker Prize, and reputedly the site of the palace in which Lady Godiva and her sister Wulvivia were raised.

The six-bedroomed property, with impressive expanses of chestnut and pitch pine flooring, has views across open countryside towards Gloucestershire. The price, including two acres, a large garden with swimming pool and a spinney, is 250,000 guineas (£262,500).

The Cottage in the Sky, otherwise known as April Folly, is typical of the properties on Mr Headley's books. It is a top-floor apartment hewn out of an early "Victorian Tudor" mansion, Clyffe House, which is set in the sweeping grounds at Tincleton on the southern slope of Wareham Forest, Dorset — Hardy's "Froom Vale". Hardy must have known the Grade II listed building, which was built in 1842 by Benjamin Ferrey, a pupil of Pugin. The asking price is 110,000 guineas (£115,500).

Mr Headley has also just taken on a Martello tower in Folkestone, Kent. It is one of 73 similar structures built around the south coast at the beginning of the 1800s to withstand a threatened Napoleonic invasion. The price of the two-bedroomed property, with sea views and a quarter acre plot, is 122,000 guineas (£128,100).

Mr Headley is also actively seeking properties in Europe and America, but his main problem is finding suitable properties in Britain to sell. The demand at present seems to be for gatehouses and lodges. People realise that these were often built by the architect of the main house, so they are usually of a high quality, but of a size tailored to the needs of the late 20th century.

In summer, people switch to wanting lighthouses. Mr Headley hasn't any on his books at present, but he is hoping to take instructions on one later this year.

"I am very selective over the properties I take on," Mr Headley says. "I look for either a listed building or something that can justifiably be described as 'bizarrely odd'. I have more than 1,000 names of houseseekers on my mailing list, but I could do with more properties — even ruins."

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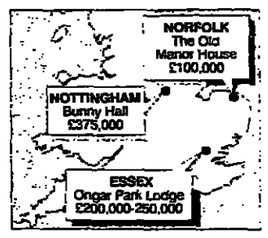
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homes in need of renovation





Left: Norfolk — The Old Manor House, Northrepps, two miles inland from Cromer. Grade II listed early 17th-century house in need of restoration and modernisation, in a third of an acre of gardens. Six bedrooms, extensive attics, two bathrooms, four reception rooms and kitchen. Large barn and outhouses. Price, about £100,000. Cost of renovation, about £60,000 (Savills, 01603 612211).

Right: Essex — Ongar Park Lodge, North Weald. Grade II listed country house, in need of total renovation, with a lake and rural views. Three ground-floor rooms, five rooms on the first floor, and two attic rooms. About 2.4 acres of potential garden and paddock. Price, about £200,000 to £250,000. Cost of renovation, about £50,000 to £60,000. (Savills, 01245 269311)

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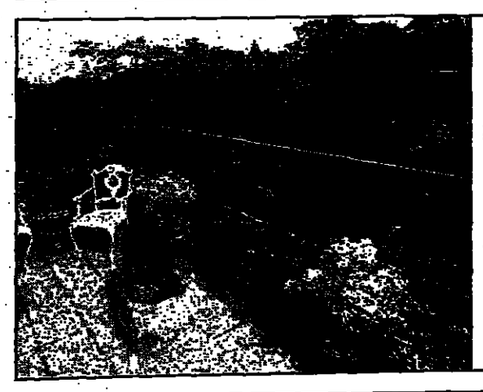
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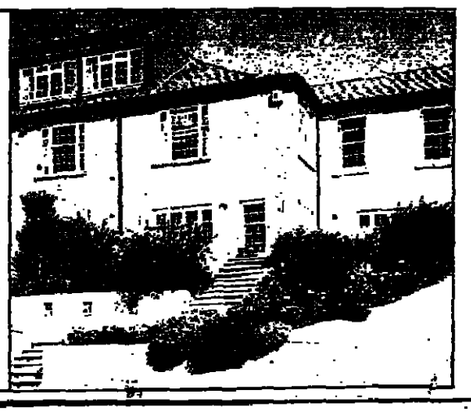
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Almost the oldest profession

The job of literary agent has a longer history than is commonly supposed



DANIEL JOHNSON

Literary agents: who needs them? Authors begrudge them their fees (at least 10 per cent of any advance or royalties, but possibly twice as much); publishers often see them as interlopers and resent their haggling; readers are barely aware of them.

But agents have a necessary and important function in the literary world. For them, small is still beautiful: the maximum size for these firms seems to be about a dozen individuals, and even the largest literary agencies — such as Curtis Brown, Peters Fraser & Dunlop or Sheil Land — are minnows compared with the publishing conglomerates. Where once publishers saw themselves as gentlemen and agents as the players, agents may now have more clout, more money and above all more fun than the employees of anonymous, bureaucratic conglomerates. It is now common for publishers to become agents: recent examples include my own agent, Georgina Capel, David Godwin and Christopher Sinclair-Stevenson.

My father, Paul Johnson, has had some 25 books published without ever employing an agent, but I do not know how most writers could manage without one. In the global village of publishing, no author can possibly have the expertise or the energy to negotiate over subsidiary rights on his own behalf. A good agent must be the author's eyes, ears and mouth — for there are times when a writer does well to shut all three.

Agents must also chivvy, console and jolly along even the idlest or most dejected author — while never betraying a hint of irritation. It is not a career for literary hero-worshippers, still less for would-be writers. The best model of all would be those intrepid yet selfless lawyers who avert miscarriages of justice in so many American films. (Admittedly, the two American agents best known in Britain — Ed Victor and Andrew "the Jackal" Wylie — are closer to another Hollywood stereotype: the hustler.)

In short, literary agents deserve a more glamorous image. Theirs has not generally been considered an ancient profession. The oldest agency in the world, A. P. Watt (still going strong under Caradoc King), is 120 years old this year. The last scholarly history, published in 1968, was James Hepburn's *The Author's Empty Purse and the Rise of the Literary Agents*. As most of the firms listed in the *Writers' and Artists' Yearbook* were founded in the past 20 years, it is time somebody tackled the subject again.

Now, however, literary agents have been given a much older pedigree by a brilliant new monograph, which also throws new light on the earliest journalists: Anne Goldgar's *Impolite Learning: Conduct and Community in the Republic of Letters, 1680-1750* (Yale, £25). Goldgar has discovered two early 18th-century Frenchmen, De la Motte and Marchand, who were, in effect, professional literary agents: "They placed manuscripts, negotiated terms, and provided a link between the *libraire* [bookseller/publisher] and the author."

Though these agents did not charge a commission for their services as intermediaries between scholars and the book trade, they seem to have made their living as freelance proofreaders. If a manuscript was placed with a *libraire* by the good offices of an agent, the latter could often count on being employed to correct the proofs, at a rate of around ten shillings a sheet — quite good pay. But the agent continued to represent the author, too. These agents felt more akin to their authors than to the tradesmen of the booksellers' guilds: "The mercenary spirit of the book trade was thought to engender a dishonesty completely foreign to the ideals of the Republic of Letters," Goldgar writes.

Another highly revealing chapter, "Writing to the Papers", deals with the rise of learned journals and the men who wrote them. Gradually replacing private correspondence as the principal means of communication in the erudite world, these journals were from the earliest days recognisable ancestors of the modern press. One of the most famous, the *Journal littéraire*, was written by a group known as the "Chevaliers de la Jubilation", because they "met every Friday at a coffee house in the Hague for a convivial evening of joking, drinking, conversation, and the reading of verses and amusing discourses written for the occasion". There is nothing new under *The Sun*.

The future is bright, the future isn't green

■ FACING THE FUTURE
By Michael Allaby
Bloomsbury, £17.95

BETTER the sinner that repents than the ninety and nine who never stray, the Bible tells us. If so, we should welcome this book from Michael Allaby, a veteran of the environmental movement of the early 1970s, who has written a remarkably level-headed defence of science and scientists.

Common sense remains the rarest of commodities, Allaby remarks. He points out that teachers in democratic countries are forbidden to use lessons for political indoctrination — "but environmentalist literature crosses the barrier, usually unobserved". Such literature, he argues, disguises a political message with a pseudo-scientific gloss.

This is all the more welcome from somebody the environmentalists might have believed one of their own. While the current generation of green campaigners is too young to know it, the obsession with environmental issues today exactly echoes the period from 1969 to 1973.

Then, many talented people abandoned sense, threw up their careers and set up communes in Wales or Cornwall. Millennialist ideals generally come to grief, so most of these happy groups of like-minded people fell out fairly quickly, slept with each other's wives, ran out of money and disbanded. Those of us who experienced just enough of the infection to acquire immunity were well prepared when the same ideas sprouted afresh in the early 1990s.

Environmentalism and science are uneasy bedfellows. There are times when the evidence really does justify the alarm bells ringing, but more often the truth is not as green-and-white as the campaigners would like us to believe. Allaby cites the case of Bruce Ames, of the University of California, inventor of the Ames test for screening carcinogens, who had an article rejected by the magazine of the Sierra Club, a veteran Californian conservation organisation, because it was too optimistic.

The reality, Professor Ames asserted, is that the future of the planet has never been brighter. This is the same Professor Ames who, in the early 1970s, warned us all that hair dye would give us cancer.

Allaby's book is an exploration of the anti-scientific bias in modern culture. Misplaced environmentalism is, of course, only one element. He deals also with fears about disappearing resources, and admits to having been one of the authors of *A Blueprint for Survival* ("a subtle mixture of turgid prose and apocalyptic prognostication" — his words, not mine) which foretold the death of civilisation through the exhaustion of minerals.

Other chapters examine the nature of science and its opponents. By denying the possibility of progress, he argues, the critics of science are short-changing society and spreading a wholly unjustified gloom about the future. He makes a persuasive case.

This book is an excellent corrective for anybody in danger of an acute attack of environmentalism — which includes about half the planet.

NIGEL HAWKES

Dangerous passions

IF THE genus of modern romantic fiction stems from the medieval quest, these novels are in a direct line of descent. So, too, is the fashion for writing about the maiden in distress, even if those graceful mythical ladies are no match for their modern, sexually sophisticated sisters.

Rosie Thomas's *A Simple Life* concentrates on the quest. Dinah Steard is an apparently happily married woman. Her husband is an up-and-coming scientist, her two sons healthy and normal. They are living in Massachusetts, where Matthew is pursuing his pioneering work on treatment for



Thomas: seductive skill

diabetes. But, in leaving England, Dinah has been displaced and into this dislocation creeps guilt and desperation. Fifteen years ago, on Matthew's insistence, she gave up her Down's syndrome daughter for adoption. After meeeting a friend's adopted daughter, Dinah is driven to search for own.

Thomas is tender to her characters, clear on the dangers of the broken family, firm on the healing qualities of love, and she tells her story with seductive skill.

In Emma Cave's *Bluebeard's Room*, Lucy Riven, besotted with three-times-married Rupert, is trying to persuade her Catholic mother to agree to her engagement. Theresa Riven is right to be suspicious. However good-looking, Rupert is much older and has a bad track record. But is he as depraved as Theresa is inclined to hint?

■ A SIMPLE LIFE
By Rosie Thomas
Heinemann, £12.99

■ BLUEBEARD'S ROOM
By Emma Cave
Hodder & Stoughton, £16.99

■ CHILL OF SUMMER
By Carol Brennan
Hodder & Stoughton, £16.99

The female in jeopardy offers the novelist a convenient metaphor with which to dramatise the dangers of passion — its obsessions and its lack of judgment. Into this unusual, meaty and compulsive brew, she stirs Catholic preoccupations with good and evil and the frisson of the psychological thriller. Love, she suggests, may be distorted by religious dogma and closed minds and finish in violence, but it is as well to remember those ills are not intrinsic to the condition itself.

Emily Silver also runs into a spot of danger in Carol Brennan's fun and tangy *Chill of Summer*. A resting actress, she has fled to her grandmother's house in Connecticut, which she has inherited, only to be knocked out by a body falling out of the deep freeze as she is trying to mend a fuse.

Like her male counterpart, the modern female fictional detective tends to walk alone. The twist here is that sharp, feisty Emily hauls in her lover to help solve the murder, proving that, after all, love has its uses.

ELIZABETH BUCHAN

FIONA HANSON



Material girl or girl as raw material? Madonna performs for the industry at the Brits

Sing out, sisters, sing out

Caitlin Moran is incensed enough to wage war on the music business

"THE term 'rock star' is still, essentially, a *male* tag. Discuss."

And lo, seemingly every music journalist in the world *is* discussing. Amy Raphael's *Never Mind The Bollocks* (Virago, 1995), Karen O'Brien's *Hymn To Her* (Virago, 1995) and Simon Reynolds's and Joy Press's *The Sex Revolts* (Serpent's Tail, 1995) have all charted similar paths to *She Bop*. It is by now generally accepted that it was female blues musicians who brought the blues to white, mass-market attention. It is women who have consistently come up with the best songs — Diane Warren, Ellie Greenwich, and Cynthia Weil all wrote songs that you have in your record collection (*Da Do Ron Ron, River Deep, Mountain High, Be My Baby*), and yet you may never have heard of them, and until recently, they were treated shoddily by the very record companies their royalties propped up.

Lucy O'Brien charts all of this and more, with heroically restrained anger — but where her book triumphs over other "Women In Rock" tomes published this year is in her cold, impassioned investigation into the actual machinery of the music industry — the sexist managing directors; the lascivious A&R men, responsible for signing new talent, and only signing female talent if it looks beddable; and the male music journalists who make female PRs' jobs hell.

■ SHE BOP
By Lucy O'Brien
Penguin, £12.50

This book is a joy on many levels: as a music journalist, O'Brien enthuses about music and rock stars so elegantly that one immediately has to seek out and listen to the records she describes; and as an historian and a chronicler of misogynist evils and woes, she forces you to reassess the exploitative images of female songwriters and musicians that were, and still are, being used every day; and piles of case studies make your blood bubble and seethe with indignation. The subtext to *She Bop* is: "Girls, don't burn your bras. Burn down *buildings* instead — ones with corpulent, slimy sexist slugs in them."

If you are a woman but not a feminist, then you are issuing an open invitation for people to walk all over you. And if you are a feminist with the slightest interest in music and you do not read this book, then your ignorance will be used against you every time you purchase a record.

THE TIMES/NPI

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EYAM HALL, Eyam, Derbyshire, is the venue for Shakespeare's The Tempest at 7pm from Thursday, July 6 to Saturday, July 8, performed by the Box Hedge Theatre Company, in the private garden. Now in its fourth year, the company has developed a reputation for energetic performances combining beautiful open air settings with entertaining productions.

Built by the Wright family in 1671-2, Eyam Hall is a typical Derbyshire manor house, built of local stone, in the heart of this historic village. The walled garden, not normally open to the public, is of 17th century origin and features a bowling green and a garden house.

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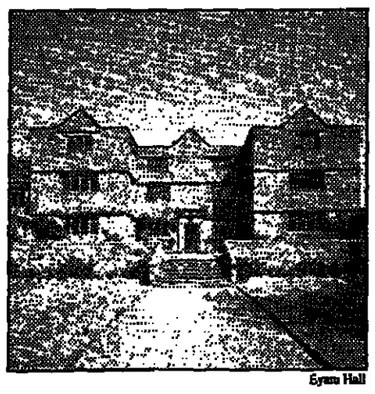
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Derwent May reviews the critics

5/5 Pleasure ratings are awarded to a maximum of five. Column centimetres indicate the length of reviews to date in national broadsheet newspapers.

3/5 Stingers for Kingers: Eric Jacobs has written an authorised biography of *Kingsley Amis* (Hodder, £17.99), and — said Alan Watkins in *The Spectator* — "if you want to know not only what Sir Kingsley does in the bathroom, but moreover in what order, Mr Jacobs will tell you". Lynn Barber in *The Daily Telegraph* was more concerned with what Jacobs had left out. She said he had "provided an excellent map of the territory and a definitive portrait of old buffer Amis who keeps the Garrick in a roar — but not of the young Amis, the romantic, the Communist (forsooth), the poet . . . When Amis is dead the fun can really begin."

In *The Sunday Telegraph*, Ian Hamilton called Amis "one of the half-century's most subtle and delicate prose stylists" but said "the last thing we want to do is join him in the Garrick . . . Jacobs hardly ever pauses to remind us why we should take an interest in the man". In *The Observer*, Valentine Cunningham said that Amis "gets away with his intense line in the baser instincts because his apparatus of amusement is so well oiled", and he was glad that the "amiable" Jacobs could sometimes be "sharpish". But he was impressed by the way Jacobs brought out "Amis's unremitting terror about the new, chaos, death". In *The Times*, I suggested that, Good Thing though he is, Amis has already told us all we want to

A woman of no importance

JANE DIGBY'S claim to fame rests in having been a beauty who married a succession of aristocratic men and spent her later years in Syria. Her first husband was the politician Lord Ellenborough; others included an Austrian prince, a German baron, a Greek count, an Albanian general and a Bedouin nobleman. Along the way she also managed an affair and friendship with King Ludwig of Bavaria.

Mary S. Lovell's biography is a painstaking recreation of her life. The research is very thorough, yet, at the end of the book, I was left wondering why she thought Jane Digby interesting enough to deserve a biography.

Jane was celebrated for her beauty. She was also "out and out the cleverest woman" the Victorian explorer and translator Richard Burton ever met. Yet, such cleverness as she had was entirely wasted. She was independent enough to flout convention sexually. She had a scandalous divorce from her first husband, Lord Ellenborough, and clocked up the odd one-night stand as well as her better known liaisons and marriages. Yet, she was not unconventional enough to produce lasting art of any kind. Her sketches and watercolours are amateurish. The writing in her diary lacks all literary talent: "Happiness inexpressible, and unknown but to those who are condemned to possess my ardent, ungovernable feelings". This is the phoney emotion of a deeply selfish woman. Jane left a trail of wrecked relationships and abandoned children in her pursuit of what she called "love".

To make a worthwhile subject for a biography, a woman (or man) must have done something of importance. Our interest in reading the genre may be a search for a role model. Jane Digby, alas, was neither a role model nor a history maker and has nothing to teach us.

FIONA PITT-KETHLEY

■ A SCANDALOUS LIFE
By Mary S. Lovell
Richard Cohen Books, £19.99

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One in the eye for Oedipus

Sara Driver discovers that boys fear their mothers and mothers sometimes hate their offspring. Who would be a parent?

MOTHERHOOD seems to be in vogue. A quick glance along the shelves offers a clutch of books, including the highly-praised collection of essays, *Mothers by Daughters* (edited by Joanna Goldsworthy) and Margaret Atwood's *Lady Oracle*, both of which view motherhood from the standpoint of the children.

These two new books examine the mother/child relationship from radically different viewpoints. *Sons, Mothers and other Lovers* by James Park regurgitates the theory that men's emotional inadequacies often stem from the intense relationship most boys have with their mothers. "Men", says Park in his introduction, "will do the strangest things to avoid getting close to other people ... They pick up in their mother's arms the lesson that it is better to keep some distance between themselves and others; for while the experience of her embrace brings great pleasure, it can also arouse strange terrors."

Drawing on 150 interviews with sons and mothers, James Park proceeds to slot men into seven categories, or male "types", such as the Lovelorn, who believes that his mother did not care for him, so is unable to believe in love; the Lover Son, who was used as a surrogate husband by his mother and is unable to form relationships with other women; or the Seducer, whose behaviour "is a continuous protest against the power that mother had over him, and the demands that she made upon him". This sort of pop-

■ SONS, MOTHERS AND OTHER LOVERS
By James Park
Little, Brown, £16.99

■ TORN IN TWO
By Rozsika Parker
Virago Press, £12.99

psychology makes the book easy to read but also tends to undermine the author's serious intent.

Park asserts that absent or inattentive fathers are equally to blame for the sons' emotional troubles. Only a caring father, Park believes, "can neutralise the boy's anxieties about intimacy with the mother". Nevertheless, I was not convinced by the claim on the dust-jacket that this book "will prove useful to every woman who has ever wanted to understand men".

Turning decades of child-centred psychoanalysis on its head, Rozsika Parker's *Torn in Two* examines the mother/child relationship from the mother's viewpoint. The subtitle, *The Experience of Maternal Ambivalence*, indicates the essentially serious and academic nature of the book. Parker is a psychoanalytical psychotherapist and the terminology and frequent references to, and quotes from, other analysts make for heavy going. Nevertheless, *Torn in Two* does offer new insight into the difficult, conflicting emotions of love and hate that mothers can feel towards their children.

Many women will identify with the painful revelations contained in Parker's interviews with mothers. One recalls "hurling the baby down on the pillows once, and just screaming, and not caring. I wanted to kill him, really. I think it was to do with being so tormented and guilty."

The unacceptability of hatred has led analysts to decry the emotion and mothers to deny it, but Parker believes that recognising that maternal love is often counterbalanced by powerful, negative feelings of anger "actually spurs mothers on to struggle to understand and know their baby". Her book may help reassure other mothers that they are not alone in experiencing such bewildering, contradictory emotions towards their children.

NEW IN PAPERBACK



Glaister: the power to distress, but also to enchant

■ PARTIAL ECLIPSE
By Lesley Glaister
Penguin, £5.99

THIS IS a dark and dramatic novel. Glaister's incisive prose sculpts stark spaces in the mind across which the lost lives of two women echo despairingly. Jennifer, the narrator, is in prison, in solitary confinement for a crime which remains undisclosed until the end. Trapped in the drained and barren world of her cell, her sensuality shrinks and clings to the tiniest details — to the fungal blandness of boiled cauliflower, to the bruised colours of the lovebites which she gives herself each morning to monitor the passing of the days.

Her starved mind turns inwards to feed upon itself, and out of her memories and imaginations two new stories grow. One is the tale of Jennifer's own past, of her life with an eccentric mother and her tense love affair with a self-satisfied married man — a glowering passion overcast by its brooding climax. The other is the imagined history of her ancestor, Peggy, parted from her little son and transported to the colonies in shackled squalor for the crime of stealing a peacock.

The alternating narratives gather vitality, their insight and black humour resonating against each other. Past and present become inextricably entwined as fact and fiction gradually meld. This is a beautifully structured piece of writing with the power to distress but also to enchant.

■ ABSOLUTION
By Olaf Olafsson
Phoenix, £5.99

FACED with encroaching death, an old man is haunted by memories of a first love, and of a "little crime" committed 50 years previously in Nazi-occupied Denmark. As a nightmarish past jostles with the present, he tantalises the reader, hinting at the nature of his guilt, while all the time making a bid for forgiveness. Written in clear, sparse prose, this tale of crime and punishment seems initially to be just a moral fable. But the idea that revenge is self-destructive and true absolution impossible is blurred by the novel's structural complexity, its slipperiness and ambiguities. This is a manipulative and sophisticated first novel.





■ FLESH AND BLOOD
By Michele Roberts
Virago, £6.99

A TEENAGE boy seems to have murdered his mother, although in the next chapter he has, Orlando-like, become a convent girl who pretends she is French. The tale she tells of corrupted innocence in turn-of-the-century France makes way for a more powerful story about marital abuse in 18th-century France, followed by an account of appalling depravity in 17th-century Italy. Further dark and disturbing fables about religion, sex, love, loss and motherhood criss-cross each other until the reader suddenly realises that everything has joined up. You have come full circle. This is not an easy book but, once you stop asking questions and allow yourself to go with the flow, it is compelling.

■ BUDDING PROSPECTS
By T. Coraghessan Boyle
Granta, £6.99

FELIX is living a dull, impoverished life in San Francisco. But everything changes when his rich, degenerate friend Vogelsang offers him the chance to make half a million dollars tax-free. All he has to do is look after a crop of cannabis plants on a remote farm in Mendocino county. Rats, bears, a psychopathic police officer, deranged neighbours, rainstorms, and droughts are just the start of his troubles. Later there's blackmail, fire and the steadily growing suspicion that he's been had. Boyle loves to satirise human folly. Where his more accomplished *The Road to Wellville* (written a decade later) targeted health fads, this macho and explosive story mocks greed and the myth of the fast buck.

● *Contributors: Rachel Campbell-Johnston, Sarah Hall, Nicki Household*

When the dam breaks

■ A STRANGER IN THEIR MIDST
By Frank Delaney
HarperCollins, £9.99

TWO evil men stalk the pages of Frank Delaney's chilling story of emotional and physical destruction, and in each case a woman is much to blame. Dennis Sykes devotes himself to the ruin of fine women because his mother abandoned him; Thomas Kane terrorises his children while his wife stands aside out of lunatic loyalty to him.

The novel is set in the Irish village of Deanstown over a period of 30 years, beginning at the end of the 1920s. Ellen Kane, the heroine of a previous Delaney book, *The Sins of the Mothers*, is settled into a tense marriage with Thomas, a thuggish bigot and former gunman. Thomas can turn the happiest occasion into a life-scarring memory. When John McCormack's car breaks down outside the Kanes' house, the great tenor comes in and sings *Panis Angelicus* to Thomas's joy. But, when Helena, the Kanes' eldest daughter, cannot remember the name of the hymn, Thomas beats her savagely. He does the same to his second daughter, Grace, during an edgy Christmas, following her through the woods and whipping her like a dog.

Weaving in and out of the account of the Kanes' stifled household is the story of Dennis Sykes, a successful engineer, who plunders women's hearts. Inevitably, the two strands of the novel come together when Dennis is sent to Deanstown to build a hydroelectric dam which will flood a place of wild woods, much loved by Helena and Grace. Dennis becomes Thomas's crony, pandering to his odious vanity. Then he proceeds to ruin his daughters, just for the sport.

While sabotaging Grace's plans to stop the dam, Dennis seduces her in secret while pursuing her sister in a staider fashion. The rumble of tragedy begins to be heard, along with the released dam waters.

A Stranger in their Midst is a dramatic novel, at moments giddily melodramatic, but filled with interesting minor characters. Written in clear, dry prose, it seldom loses its conviction.

PENNY PERRICK



Dressed up to the 19s: day dresses, June 1919 — from the revised edition of James Laver's *Costumes & Fashion*, updated by Amy de la Haye (Thames & Hudson, £6.95)

Fixers in a spin

Peter Millar on an insider's view of the political Svengalis

■ SPIN DOCTOR
By Michael Shea
HarperCollins, £14.99

FOR a novelist looking for a sympathetic hero, an archetypal behind-the-scenes manipulator in the mould of, say, Brian Basham, the City's legendary fixer, hardly seems an obvious choice. Unless of course, the author has been in the game himself.

Admittedly at the more refined end of the business, Michael Shea tiptoed gingerly enough in and out of the media spotlight during his years as press secretary to the Queen. Now he has gone back to the career which, under the pseudonym Michael Sinclair, he practised in the 1970s: thriller writing.

Spin Doctor is, as its cover announces, "a novel of political intrigue and conspiracy", centred on an attempt by shady figures on the far Right of the Establishment to stage an internal coup in Downing Street. Or, as they put it, "staking out a part of the political landscape ... the largely barren but essential one, the mind of the Prime Minister".

This will not make hugely comfortable reading for John Major, particularly with Michael Portillo and his ilk peering over his shoulder. Shea's PM is, of course, a wholly fictional character with the name Michael Wilson,



Shea: genuine insight

though perhaps "Harold Heseltine" would have been a happier amalgam. He is, however, the author of a failed "back to basics" campaign with a popular image "as a cross between a used doormat and the yawn personified". Who said grey men could not be colourful?

Shea's fixer, Mark Ivor, whom the villains hire to put the correct political "spin" on their manipulations, comes across as an unexpectedly sympathetic character, refreshingly open in the face of revelations about his married mistress and the belated discovery of an illegitimate daughter. Not many of the breed I have come across are so disingenuously likeable.

But then Shea has undoubtedly had a tough time himself at the hands of the press, which may excuse his revenge by portraying us in cameo as unprincipled, malleable drunks. His perception, however, of a newspaper world of editors mutually forgiving each other's indiscretions is sadly adrift: dog *does* eat dog, even in the new Fleet Street diaspora.

There are one or two other minor slips on foreign matters — the Auswärtiges Amt is the German equivalent of the Foreign Office not the intelligence service — but these fail to mar an entertaining romp with a genuine insight not so much into the corridors as into the broom cupboards of power. Perhaps in his next venture Shea will introduce a cameo role for his old employer. Or would that be taking the spin a revolution too far?

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Little boy blue gets his due

THE WORLD is not meant for boys now. Left at home while daughters are taken to their mums' workplaces, falling behind not just in reading and languages but in maths and science — who would be a mancub these days?

Elizabeth Hawkins has written **The Maze** (Orchard, £9.99) with the left-out boy in mind. Andrew is cold-shouldered by his elderly spinster cousin Beatrice when he and his two sisters are sent to stay on her farm for the summer. Hawkins has triumphed in creating a sensitive hero who has to fall back on his masculine virtues of creativity, protectiveness, courage and loyalty to save his sister from supernatural forces. For ages ten and up, this is better than all those implausible "James loves knitting" books.

Another way of drawing older boys into reading is the "fantasy gamebook". **Fabled Lands** (Pan, £4.99 each) is a two-book series of sword-and-sorcery gamebooks by Dave Morris and Jamie Thomson. The storylines require pencil and paper plus dice, and are — as is inevitable with these books — rather peripatetic.

Just William rip-offs abound, and Francesca Simon's **Horrid Henry and Other Stories** (Dolphin Orion, £2.99), for ages six and up, is typical. William Brown was never malicious or a bully but, I am afraid, Henry is. His sidekick, Moody Margaret, is a fine creation — based, apparently, on what the author imagined Baroness Thatcher was like as a child.

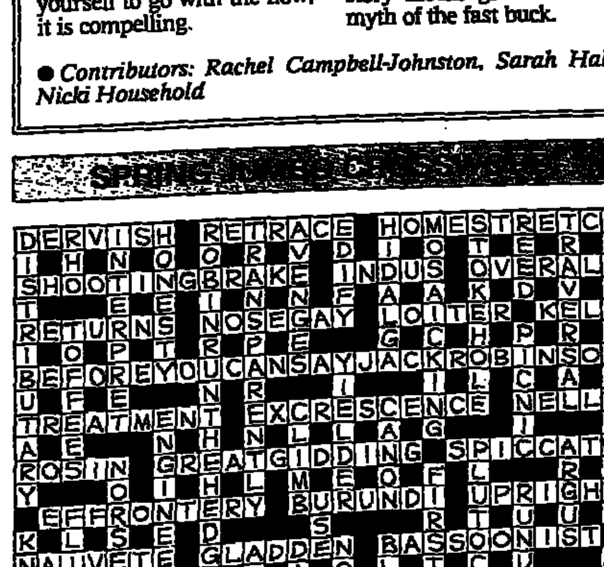
Some thoroughly chappish boys' boys rollick around in **The Amber Cat** by Hilary McKay (Gollancz, £9.99), a startlingly old-fashioned bucket-and-spade adventure story full of friendly children who say things like "What absolute tripe!". For eight and upwards. Rebecca Lisle overhauls the boy-versus-girls business sensitively in **Finders Keepers** (Yearling, £2.99), a quest story featuring a little girl with 12 brothers who longs for a sister and finds one living in a parallel, magic world. Also for eight and up but an easier read.

Barefoot Books is an imprint with a mission statement: it promises "new and traditional myths, legends and fairy-tales whose themes demonstrate the pitfalls and dangers that surround our passage through life".

The books are strong and thoughtful, and include **Hualachi and the Magic Sandals** by Juliet Heslewood (Barefoot Books, £9.99), an Inca story with a message about kindness; and **African Animals ABC** by Philippa-Alys Browne (£8.99), a stunning picture book for under-fives to treasure. My three-year-old loves **Rachel's Roses**, about flowers and their needs. My five-year-old liked **Theseus and the Minotaur** by Jules Cashford, with Daniel De'Angeli's dream-like illustrations, but I found the narrative cold and I hopped over Cashford's embarrassing-question-raising account of the rape of Queen Pasiphae of Crete by a bull (the liaison which produced the Minotaur). *Pas devant les enfants*, please.

SARAH JOHNSON

SPRING BANK CROSSWORD



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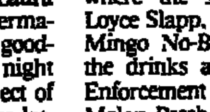
From Manchester to Cardiff, **Marcel Berlins** on the trail of the gumshoes

Dirty deeds and dark subterfuge

"*BILL JAMES*," the cover says in huge letters; "writing as David Craig," it goes on in tiny print. But this is not an example of an old pseudonymous novel being reissued because the author has become famous under another name. **Forget It** (Severn House, £15.99) is a new book. So why the subterfuge that isn't? Never mind. Treat it as a Bill James, which means some of the best writing in the milieu of police/villain relations.

Forget It is set in gloomy Cardiff dockland. The copper hero, Detective Brade is supervising the change of identity of Dilsom, a master criminal turned supergrass, whose new persona includes an affair with Brade's ex-lover. Dilsom's old associates are looking for him; they find him through his young children, themselves being put through a disturbing psychological course to try to make them forget their former names and lives. James's insight into the minds of the hunted, the hunters and the protectors is, as always, utterly convincing.

Simon Brett's considerable reputation is founded largely



Singled Out (Macmillan, £14.99), he shows an impressive mastery of the terrifyingly pychotic. In 1973, Laura Fisher, 29, without a permanent man, picks a good-looking stranger for one night of sex, with the sole object of conceiving. Twenty years later, Laura and her son face the frightening consequences of her decision. Who is the father, and what has the child inherited? Brett conducts the growing tension with chilling subtlety and a constant edge of uncertainty. It may not be what Brett's fans expect; but what he delivers is class.

Last year Doug J. Swanson's *Big Town* rightly won the English Crime Writers' Association award for the best first crime novel. His follow-up, **Dreamboat** (Little, Brown, £15.99) is just as good. Swanson, in the crowded and

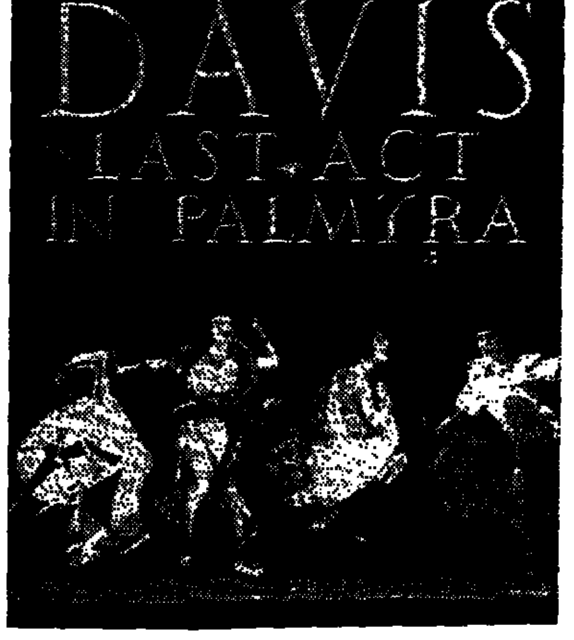
eye Jack Flippo's patch is Dallas, Texas and its environs, such as Baggett County, where the sheriff is called Loyce Slapp, the dead body is Mingo No-Bird Gideon and the drinks are free on Law Enforcement Night at the Melon Patch Ranch, the hick town's strip joint.

Flippo, awaiting trial for thumping his former wife's boyfriend, is hired to make sure Mingo's drowning was genuine, because the deceased's partner, proud writer of appalling country music lyrics (eg, "When you're not with me it cuts like a knife/You're the reason I'm leaving my wife"), had just taken out a \$500,000 policy on his life. Swanson has a Carl Hiaasen feel for the black humour of absurdity and an Elmore Leonard way with raunchy, punchy, wry

as Manchester's greatest sleuth is not much of a compliment, given the dearth of competition; but the wise-cracking Thai-boxing Brannigan would be terrific anywhere. She is the genuine article: game, clever, blunt, sexy and witty, but without pretensions or (too many) hang-ups — fish and chips rather than cordon bleu. In **Clean Break** by Val McDermid (HarperCollins, £14.99), she chases a tiny Monet stolen from a country house for which she had provided the security, lusts after an insurance chief who looks like Imran Khan, probes an outbreak of fatal tampering with an industrial cleaning product and has emotional turmoil with her long-standing guy. Zippy action, a well-crafted plot and some refreshingly gritty northern truths.

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HAPPY independent 50 yo. enjoys fast cars, slow food, good wine. Distance not an issue. Reply with photo to Box 7410.

GRADUATE 39, well travelled, lively, artistic, musical educated, warm n/s female seeks down to earth, prof. family minded, sea/country loving sincere male for caring/sharing relationship with whom to settle down & start late in life family. Sgle parents welcome Box 7219

HOW about keeping me company. I'm 56 yrs. 5'6", slim, independent, divorced. Just discovered golf. Looking for well educated man to share theatre, books, talk etc & maybe reduce handicap. S.E.Eng Box No 7050

I am 54 years young feminine and solvent with great style, sense of fun and adventure. I am Cancerian - creative, practical and slightly crazy. I love life and still believe I have a lot of living to do. But am not into gardening smoking or cats. I W.L.T.M. a warm and witty possibly Scorpio Thames Valley man who shares and appreciates these qualities and is not yet ready for slippers by the fire. Plse write to Box 7136

INTERESTING green eyed attractive artistic lady, 57, involved in theatre, clever, perceptive, adventurous and fun, seeks cultured, thinking man with literary, theatrical, musical bent and wicked sense of humour. London area. Photo appreciated. Box No 7382.

INTERESTING lady 49. Professional. Attractive. Interests; leaning towards the arts & a love of walking. Personality; warm, caring, humerous, positive & independant. Have "Joie de Vivre". Box No 7081

I seek him here I seek hime there - I'm 47 with never a care, living in Chelsea - reply if you dare!! Photo please Please.Box No 7226

JEWISH widow, unconventional, moderately well endowered. Seeks personable man n/s. 56-66, friendship plus. Please Reply Box 7420.

LAWYER, divorced, stylish, attractive blonde, Jewish, early 40's, overly consumed by work and therefore neglected social life. Now seeks relationship with empathetic, amusing and sensitive male. Interests, theatre, dining and travel, Photo essential. Box No 7296

LANDSCAPE designer, business publisher, foodie and cat lover, 37, seeks tall, clever, articulate and sociable N/S man with similar eclectic interests and green values. If you've heard of Oehme and van Sweden, Anthony Paul, Peter Schwartz and Joyce Molyneux, and also enjoy arty films, good coffee, Radio 4 and poking around junk yards, please write! No Tories. Herts/London. Please Reply to Box No 7125

LEGGY, personable, mid-fifties, N/S, still working lady. Mischievious, sensitive, good-humoured, loves sun, sea & countryside. Close Junc.9 M25. Seeks tall, affectionate, tactile, N/S, non-menopausal man to unravel my string & find the end of my sellotape. Photo please. Reply to Box No 7138

LITHUANIAN based student, 21 loves music and sport seeks serious, pleasant Afro/Caribbean gentleman aged 22-28 for permanent relationship. Please Reply to Box No 7152

LIVELY Dynamic successful & confident London lady 33, seeks tall man with similar qualities 30-40 for joy and tonic. Reply to Box No 7248

LIVELY attractive girl 35, intelligent and independent based in South Bucks WLTM well-spoken educated man, 30-40 with GSOH. Must like animals, countryside, eating and having fun. Photo apprec. Please Reply to Box No 6988

LIVELY Slim intel. blond Chesh. based PA. Early 40's, div./ & enjoy's an active social life. If you're a single, successful, prof. tall, N/S gent reply inc phone number & photo. Box No 7205

LONDON SE. Warm, attractive, slim, young 58 German-born professional woman, active, adventurous, tender WLTM soulmate for loving partnership. You are late 50s mid 60ish, 5'8"+, cultured, sensitive, solvent & not frightened of commitment should we be right for each other. Plse reply Box 7129

LOVELY American lady in USA, 39, 5'7" of English lineage, seeks educated, home loving gentleman/quiet village or University lifestyle for relationship /marriage in England. Please Reply to Box No 7419

MEET attractive, sexy women at London singles' parties. MEET 'N' EAT 071 629 5834

ME - attractive tall (6ft) international prof now returned to central London (31) widely travelled enjoys all aspects of city & country life. You - charming intelligent cosmopolitan guy (30-45) looking for that special woman to share life's passions. Box No 7147

MEN OF THE WORLD, now is your time! If you live in the Midlands we have over 290 sophisticated ladies 25-70. Elite Introductions 021 386 3444.

ME: Tall, slim, blonde, sporty, 33, confident, no ties, own career. Likes good food & hedonistic holidays & people that laugh a lot. You: Assertive, articulate, 35-50, n/s, sociable, sophisticated, fit, intelligent, succesful & solvent with no ties. SOH essential. Want to meet and giggle about why we've even thought about writing/ answering an ad like this? North of England (Unless you want to be pen-pals.) Photo and details to Box No 6936

NORFOLK Baroque music enthusiast, late 30's, recently divorced, 2 children. WLTM n/s man with social graces to prove that East Anglia is not a cultural desert. Reply to Box No 6984

MR Normal where are you? Oxon, sociable 36 yr old, "unexpectedly available". wanting to enjoy life seeks tall, unattached man. GSOH and no hang-ups essential. Must like laughing, food, wine, country pursuits and children - 4 yr old and goldfish to consider! Reply with letter & photo. Box No 7221

MUSICAL? Pianist? Petite, attractive N.W.London amateur mezzo, 42, gsoh. Aires, WLTM tall, N/S, practical charmer of similar age with varied interests for possible lifetime duet. Photo please Box No 7146

OPTIMISTIC, attractive blonde, slim, charismatic young-looking 48. Interests cinema, politics, music (all but particularly classical), medical/health issues, theatre, travel, seeking amusing unpretentious compatible male complement, similar age or younger, any area. Please Reply to Box No 7246

OVER 50!! Gentlemen in the Midlands looking for stylish and sophisticated women Elite Introductions' special offer for 14 days, we have over 290 ladies waiting to meet you. call for appt 0121 386 3444

PAKISTANI professional parents of Sunni Solicitor (31, own practice in London, fair & attractive) seek sincere, educated Muslim, non-smoker, non-drinker, firm believer in Islam, for marriage. No geographical boundaries. Please Reply to Box No 7264

PILGRIMS PROGRESS Adorable attractive 45 yr old divorced American lady 5'3" blonde, blue eyed, slim. In search of divorced emotionally available professional employed englishman under 60. Visits, vacation, travel. Photos acknowledged. PO9101. Chapel Hill, N.C. 27515 USA.

PRINCESS Jasmine (29) seeks tall n/s prof. "knight" (27-36). Please reply if you want to face the music and dance! Photo appreciated. Box No 7349.

PRETTY green-eyed brunette, 45, graduate, professional, successful, independent, clever and charming, n/s, enjoys arts, history, travel, who doesn't need breadwinner but would like a loving companion, seeks similar affectionate, cultured, unattached man, 40-55, for outings and friendship at first, and more if that develops. London or elsewhere. Thoughtful letter, photo and phone no. appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 7238

PUBLISHER, late forties, blond, attractive, uncomplicated seeks young, 40-55, thoughtful male with positive outlook & a touch of charisma to share cultural pursuits, laughter, food, drink & hopefully more. Photo please. Please reply to Box No 7193

RALLY round gentleman - Grand Tourer, (1930s vintage) required by sporty red coupe owner who WLTM well educated widower interested in travel, your car or mine? Music, theatre, bridge, shared laughter and who knows? Please Reply to Box No 7384.

SAD golden girl, 60, widowed in idyllic surroundings. Witty, shrewd, caring. Loves animals, Newhart, Larher, countryside tranquility. Seeks mature, sympathetic male prof kindred spirit for old fashioned friendship only - remember it? Occasional letter/visit. Impossible quest? Please Reply to Box No 7038

SLIM, blonde (& reputedly pretty) professional lady (31). Gentle, sensitive, creative. Many interests including writing/reading, the countryside, opera, theatre, classical music, eating out & yoga. WLTM tall, attractive male with similar interests. Must be intelligent, articulate & tender-hearted. (London/SE). Please write with photo to Box 6987

SLIM good looking lady, late 50s, n/s, humorous, romantic, warm, sincere, interests mainly cultural. WLTM man of integrity for long term friendship & romance, Sussex. Box 7325.

SOMEWHERE There must be someone who loves travelling, classical music, golf (not serious) and enjoying all the good things in life, but who would prefer to share everything. I am London based, early fifties, attractive, elegant, run my own small company but the loss of a loving partner changed my life. WLTM a fun, attractive, caring gentleman to enjoy life with. Write with photo. Box No 7093

SOPHISTICATED caring, glamorous, Swiss born divorcée, no ties, 48, 5'7, humorous, seeks distinguished older professional man with impeccable taste and manners to share the best things in life. Varied interests, theatre, opera, the arts, keep fit. Photo ensures reply. Box 7425.

TALL, slim, well dressed, attractive black lady interested in theatre, music & travel. WLTM tall, attractive gentleman (aged 45-55) for a meaningful relationship. Box No 7088

TRAVEL companion sought for adventurous girl, thirties. Planning visit Australia 6 weeks end October. Learn Scuba diving/wind surfing + sightseeing. Pay own way, no strings attached. Other interests classical music, sailing, skiing, diy, enjoying life!Box No 7214

TWO sexy and vivacious business women, 28 & 30, require two intelligent, affluent naughty boys 30-43 for fun and friendship. Photo appreciated. SE London. Box No 7306.

UNDER 30. Do you like to party - have a professional career under 30 seeking to meet more people and make new friends - Join us in lots of fun places call 0171 629 3185 Mon-Sun 9am-9pm Yvette.

VERY Pretty, slim, funloving Jewish successful lady, 40's, who loves to share the ups & downs of life and who is looking for that special person. He should be tall, attractive with G.S.O.H., kind & caring & loves to laugh. Photo essential for reply. Box No 7166

VERY pretty feminine fair haired well spoken 31, 5'8" wishes to meet professional, successful well educated man, 30-38 interested in country pursuits dining theatre, photo please. Box No 7304

WANTED Genuine 49+ gentleman n/s. GSOH S/Lincs. Area to share life's pleasures with caring lady 5'6" slim blonde attractive photo plse Box 6989

WEST COUNTRY Vibrant, sociable, attractive female (early 30's) enjoys country life, sport & city culture WLTM a warm, humorous, constant & articulate man who knows what he wants in life & doesn't iron his boxers. Box No 7366

WOULD you love Newmarket in July and Longchamp in October? Warm, attractive, outgoing, affectionate, sporty lady, 36, seeks similar witty man with adventurous spirit to share whatever! London based but not London bound! Photo please Reply to Box No 7132

YOU must be out there somewhere, this tall, slim, fit, attractive blonde, 40, shy but sensuous WLTM tall, fit, handsome man 38-45. South coast/London. Photo please. Please Reply to Box No 7291.

YOUNG active 61 year old lady with great sense of humour, living in Surrey. Varied interests include drama, dancing, dining and walking. Would like to meet like minded soul mate. Photo appreciated. Box 7301.

GENTLEMEN

A CARING mature, affluent director, early 60s, warm and friendly, keen SOH, interesting lifestyle, n/s, seeks a slim lonely younger lady for lasting but uncomplicated romance and lots more if compatible. Phone number helps. All letters answered. Totally genuine. Please Reply to Box No 7344.

A CHARMING fit sporting gent, good cook, ruggedly handsome, successful, beautifully situated, seeks fun, fair, shapely, leggy lady, 5'7-5'10, under 38. Please Reply to Box No 7379.

ACTIVE easy going tall slim professional 30 year old enjoys sailing, skiing, travel and the outdoors seeks independent slim intelligent woman who desires the zest of life. Cambridge/London Area. Photo appreciated. Box 7157

ACUTELY lonely gentleman (54), additionally suffering from rampant conceit as he considers himself to be very kind, nice looking, tall, slim & solvent - seeks photoless, pretty lady, living in South East. Please kindly write to Box No 7112

AMAZINGLY normal guy, successful designer, 45, living SW London, would like to meet attractive lady for sincere relationship. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 7397.

AFFLUENT bachelor, early forties located in SW1. Enjoys travel, sport, films. WLTM stylish lady with sensational figure & sense of humour. Photo appreciated. Box No 6757

AMERICAN in Oxon. Intelligent, financially secure, 38, 5'9", 190lbs. GSOH. Enjoys golf, skiing, scuba, flying, travel. Looking to meet an intelligent fun-loving, uninhibited woman with some of these interests for friendship, fun and possible relationship. Box No 7106

AMUSING, attractive, sensuous, tall Bath man, 40, ambitious, successful, loves travel, cinema, theatre, eating out, eating in, nights on the town, weekends in the country. Generous, romantic and good humoured. I am seeking a fun loving younger woman to thoroughly spoil and pamper. Summer is just around the corner so why not have some delicious enjoyable times with a man who is fun to be with and really knows how to please. Just write to me with your tel. no. to Box No 6974

ARE you attractive, slim, not too tall n/s 28-35 year old professional female who despite her pleasant lifestyle finds it hard to believe that she finds herself looking through these columns not knowing whether to give it a go or not? Do you enjoy quality restaurants, long walks along the beach, ski-ing, racing, riding, country & town pursuits? Do you have a good sense of humour? Are you looking for a 35 year old male, based along the S. Coast who runs his own business, is approximately 5'7, has a great sense of humour, not unattractive, has varied interests and who also finds it hard to believe that he has to do this to find Mrs Right to share life's pleasures with. Why not reply with a recent photo to Box No 6893.

CAN the "long-legged red-head" who loves Jane Austen & crispy duck plse write again Box 5689

ARTIST. Athletic, blond, outdoor type, Wagnerian Romantic. 49, seeks warm, attractive, sensual, easy-going wife, 24-42. Children a bonus. Bucks, Herts, anywhere.Box No 7189

A Self made, single, Yorks based businessman, 40, with Pub Sch education, good looks, GSOH & sporting / outdoor interests seeks intelligent, attractive, fun loving female 30-40 with own interests & willingness to share for outings fun & maybe more. Happy to travel N/S preffered. Photo please Box No 7186

A Vienna based Dubai national 33y, 5'9", average build, good looking, kind, romantic, American education, generous, own car, apt, executive in Int'l org. (UN) frequently in UK looking for attractive student/prof. for friendship, romance, travel exchange, visits. Pls write w/photo Mr. W. Hamed, Zimmermann Gasse 7-3-16 1090 Vienna Austria.

AVON/Wilts. Tall handsome professional gentleman, 35, who enjoys the arts, countryside and living life, seeks stylish feminine counterpart to share adventure, pleasure and the future. Nothing ventured nothing gained! Take a chance and Reply to Box No 7263.

A young at heart 44 year old male entrepreneur 5'11", blue eyes, good appearance, nonsmoking wine drinker, interested in country life, sailing, flying, travelling, entertaining & good food. Seeks younger lady who like myself has most of the good points & just a few bad. Milts... Box No 7063

BOURNEMOUTH Widower 42, n/s, attractive, solvent, retired, warm and considerate. GHAC seeks caring, slim, attractive female 29-39 for lasting relationship. Photo ensures reply. Returned. Box No 7405.

BACHELOR Midland Doctor 40s seeks woman 25-35 educated unattached cultured, nationality unimportant for relationship marriage happiness love. Sincere Replies to Box No 7050

BRIEF Encounter. The attractive lady I met on the afternoon Intercity from London to Milton Keynes. Can we meet again? Please write with photo and address to Box No 7338.

BRIGHT, articulate, fit, N/S graduate man, loves learning & challenges, seeks lively 40's/50's female counterpart to share arts, music, countryside, conversation & more. London area. Photo plse. Box No 7396

CLWYD- Treeman. 60 acres, own business. English, 40, looks younger, divorced, 1 daughter. Seeks bright, funny, attractive female under 40 preferably living nearby. Interests: countryside, laughing, sunshine, prunes and staying at home mostly. Photo and telephone number appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 7018

CORNWALL Is there a lovable widow for a tall, slim, fit widower (60+) who enjoys the arts, coast walks, dining and w/e breaks? Please Reply Box 7309.

CURVACIOUS, mini-skirted, rich and gorgeous female desired by Edinburgh male (41). Realistically replies from non-obese, non-smoking and non-pretentious women with SOH (25-45) are most welcome. I like sports, keeping fit, travel, sunshine holidays, cinema, new ideas. I am as often in jeans as a collar and tie. Slim, easy going and curious, regarding the outcome of this type of advertisement in the continuum from one night rendezvous to lasting relationship. Are all the unattached females, Southern based, v. attractive and obsessed with solvency? (O.K. I have job, car, house etc). Photo would be interesting but not essential. Box No 7402.

DIFFERENTIAL Design Director, fifties, divorced, silver haired, 5'9", medium build, has all the ingredients for the good life except Ms. Right. WLTM attractive, younger, professional gentlewoman, single or divorced, who would like to start afresh. Location NW but distance no object for the right smile. Plse write, photo if poss Box 7160

DENTIST, sensitive, cerebral (but fun), tall, fit, uncomplicated, early fifties, optimistic. Seeks special lady to compliment his being. Plse Reply Box No 7115

DEVONISH stylish, artish male would like to meet Devonish fiftyish female-ish woman! Establishing new western roots after 10 yr sojourn on Scottish island. divorced n/s painter/writer, would like to meet sensitive artistic Devon based woman. Box 7346.

EASY-going W.Yorks male requires lover. Anything else a bonus. Plse reply Box No 7376

EASY-GOING, straightforward Company Director, 39, 5'11", slim, fit, non-smoker, seeks slim, bright female with sense of fun to help him relax. Photo appreciated. London/Home Counties. Plse Rply Box 6923

FIT prof. solvent n/s male 33 slim 5'11" seeks genuine lady 25-43 to share happiness fun & more. Warks/Mids. Box No 7364.

EVANGELICAL Anglican man (recent convert), 38, lives Surrey, works City. Seeks Christian woman to share faith, classical music, wining/dining, countryside. Box No 7027

EXCEPTIONAL man, university professor, world travelled, many interests, slim, 5'8, warm hearted, n/s, 42, seeks petite woman, 30-36 for friendship and romance. Southern England. Please Reply Box 7293.

GENTLEMAN 40+ seeks exceptional lady 30-40 with a desire to enjoy life and be happy. Central London & World. Letter and photo guarantees reply and maybe an invitation to Ladies Day at Ascot. Plse Rply to Box 6994

GLOS. Attractive, cultured, successful broker young 40s, 5'8, slim, kind, warm and caring, seeks soul mate. Box No 7297.

GOOD looking man, 41, music lover, science graduate, various cultural interests, seeks attractive, sensitive woman for warmth, tenderness and enduring relationship. London area. Please Reply to Box No 7375.

HUMOROUS, intelligent man, 35, seeks lady for laughs and maybe for life. London/ South-east Plse Reply Box No 7154

GOOD-LOOKING tall, slim, prof successful, secure, and (now) single (early 40s) male with GSOH. Sporty (esp. tennis & golf). Recently returned to London corp. life after global career o/seas. Enjoys good food wine, travel & socialising-and the company of a special lady to enrich them all! WLTM v. attractive, well-educated, vivacious single lady in 30s with GSOH, elegance & zest for life - who has need of TLC & both the time & interest in long term relationship. Photo & letter will guarantee prompt reply. Box No 7374.

GRAD prof v.handsome tall kind willowy, considerate, SOH, likeable man with integrity, wisdom, clean, v.sgl, yng 30 Muslim, n/s/dkr. light skin WLTM unsophis sgl lady 18-45 good/ beaut nature/looks/figure fshp & or rshp prof lawyer, medic prof, city prof businessw, student etc welcome Tell friends, be confident, discrn, Phto app. City/Yorks/NE/NW /Anywhere. Box No 6689.

I am 50 years young 6' & considered attractive London based, with too much work but wanting to play. I am looking for a lady to share dining out, long conversations, movies theatre & long walks. Can you bring out the best in me? Send a note & photo & I will reply. Box No 6813

I don't seem to be in the mould of my fellow advertisers. They are all T.D.H. & lots of other letters, no doubt some unprintable. I spend my winters in comfort, skiing in the French Alps and have someone to do the cleaning as I tend to be a bit lazy. In summer I go trekking in Asia, Nepal is my current favourite where attempts are being made to teach me golf. I am 5'7". 52 & fit. Please reply, preferably with photo. Oh warning! Despite my professional background I was born in Ireland & enjoy my pint. Box No 7059

I'M 51, divorced, 6'1". Fit, capable, work in the Arts. Love walking, gardens, canals, country. Hate sports, smokers and often north London, where I live. Hope to meet lady 35-50 for loving relationship. Photo appreciated. Box No 6985

I'M looking for a very special lady (40-50) who is fit & active, tolerates smoking, filth & mud. Appreciates good food & wine to accompany me on a months cruising holiday. French canals, & maybe more. Sense of humour essential, boat handling an advantage, share some costs. Please Reply to Box No 7290.

INTERNATIONAL businessman, 52, recently out of a relationship, bruised but not scarred (just lightly shaken), seeks loving partner with sense of humour. London area. Photo please. Reply to Box No 7078

LONDON man 40's, publisher, successful, unpretentious, interesting, occasionally amusing, seeks enduring love with intelligent, creative, sensuous, adventurous, achieving, woman wishing to meet appreciative man with whom to share thoughts, desires, adventures, dreams, absurdities, warmth, departure lounges, fun, conversation, coffee, and sometimes silence Box No 7088

LONDON based professional/ developer, varied interests, 47, 5'11", much travelled, warm, sensitive, WLTM intelligent, humerous, sensitive, feminine & caring lady. Photo & letter please to Box No 7257

LONDON Honest gentle tactile funny speechwriter, 52, slim 5'7", seeks warm intelligent pretty woman n/s 39+ into the arts, long walks, romance. Photograph a must. Box No 7341.

LONDON teacher, tall, n/s, caring, mid 50s, WLTM warm slim younger lady. Please reply with photo to Box No 6878.

MID-FORTIES, mild-mannered gentleman with dog with petite, pretty lady with or without daughter. My house + your heart = mutual happiness. trust & love. S of Thames. Box No 6993

MUCH travelled, positive, optimist. Romantic, genuine, energetic, happy, interesting, lover of life. Believer in power in the mind. Southern based. 50's, 5' 9", have exchanged Inkat boardroom for own successful business. Have oodles of tlc, adventure, and loyalty to offer discerning, emotionally stable, tactile, open minded, n/s, slimmish, lady, 37-52, looking for permanent relationship. Photo desireable. Box No 7229

NASTASSJA Kinski, Mary Nightingale, and Janet Ellis look-alikes wanted Box 5669.

N. HERTS man, 48, 5'11", dark, natural tonsure, n/s, quiet, public sch. & Cambridge educated, fairly left of centre. Interests include classical music (bassoonist), poetry & contemp. novels, old churches, gardens, bicycling, France, wine, seeks relaxed literate lady 30s or 40s. Photo much appreciated. Please Please Reply to Box No 7285

N.W. based professional male in early thirties who is attractive caring and intelligent. Interests include sports, arts, cinema, music etc. WLTM attractive and sensitive female aged 25-35 for friendship and possibly more. Photo essential. Box No 7029

NICE guy, 34, single grad/prof. N.London, independent and emotionally aware. Ex-workaholic and now re-building social values. Likes wine/dine, classical music, opera, radio 4, Languages. WLTM nice girl for friendship/conversation, possibly relationship. Box No 7158

NORTH WEST: Gentleman. Lawyer, 47. Looks younger, good looking, enjoys socialising, keeping fit, VGSOH, non smoker, 'carpe diem'. Please Reply to Box No 7185

NORTH EAST Professional, widowed, 48, no ties, GSOH, likes dining out and travel, seeks n/s companion. Box No 7287.

NW Male 35 fit, funloving but genuine & caring. Passionate skier, budding tuner. Now mourning lack of snow. Would like to meet a lady who is fit, friendly and wacky enough to take up roller blading during the long summer and beyond. Please Reply to Box No 7159

OXFORD Graduate, wife tired aged 34, seeks intelligent, shy, n/s Establishment girl, 20s-30s Old enough to be your father but eligible and full of go Travel, Wimbledon, theatre, village life, total love. Worth being unconventional to meet- nobody need know. Box 7120

PROFESSIONAL Gent tall, fit, ties, public school, interests include travel, music, outdoor sports, seeks lady similar. Please Reply to Box No 7312

ROMANTIC dark, 5'11" professional surveyor with Austrian connections. Has so much to offer, no one of value to offer to, needs that 34-40 special lady to give time and attention. West London. Photo plse. Box 7388

SENSUAL, exciting, intelligent female sought by attractive professional man, 40, for hot summer romance and adventure Any age/nationality. Photo apprec. Plse Rply Box 7263

SMART successful businessman 36 tall handsome public school educated family values well travelled no ties seeks tall slim very attractive lady who is smart refined under 35 to enjoy eating out, theatre, cinema, fresh air walks, sunshine travelling, good conversation and GSOH. Cheshire Merseyside area. Photo essential. Please reply to Box No 7073

SMASHING chap who can cook! London, 43. Good-looks, strong identity, heart and soul. Adores Rock & Classical. Up for relationship with optimistic, imaginative woman who treasures life not gold. Phone number essential. Box No 7090

SPANISH prof 49, n/s, South romantic, caring likes sports, theatre, so much love to give to that special person, please reply you won't regret it. Box 6881.

SUCCESSFUL, sensitive, well-spoken chap, 49, 6 ft. GSOH, seeks part/full time romantic employment, to love, pamper and please that special, elegant, sensual, attractive lady. Please Reply to Box No 7010

SWIMMING trunks 38, athletic, 5'11", quiet, sporty, non smoking engineer based in London WLTM n/s bikini 25-40 with a spark & a photo (preferably with sandcastle). Little sandpile makers bring opportunities not problems. Box No 7105

TALL Creative intelligent male (46) offers stimulating cookery/conversation to unpretentious adventurous female 30's/40's Box No 7166

THE answer's 42 active, bright, charismatic, divorced, workaholic looking for uncomplicated, fantastic looking, fun loving female in N. Midlands/ Staffs area who enjoys her freedom. The question? What have you to lose by replying, with photo, to Box No 7318.

VERY generous man 40 wishes to meet single lady for fun with no emotional ties. London. Please Reply to Box No 7262

THOUGHTFUL humorous, genuine London based man, 35, with GSOH. Interested in cinema, sports, music and dining out. WLTM slimish woman, 23-38. Please reply Box No 7416.

WARM hearted GSOH successful 40 year old man seeks shared cultural entertainment sporting gastronomic domestic and stimulating experiences with romantic lady in London area. Box No 7039

WEST END woman wanted - warm, wacky, witty, wiry, weedless, walkwoman wearer, Wimbledon watcher. Me? - 42, 5'11", slim, fit, n/s. Please Reply to Box No 7370.

WIDOWER (2 yrs) 63, 5'11", slim looks about 50, active, tennis player, horseman, social, outgoing, literate, GSOH. Pleasant own home (pool tennis court). Herts. Apartment Spain. Own successful hi-tec business. Two nice grown up children now married, away. Seeks unattached good-looking, intelligent, cultivated, outgoing, caring, fun, 50yr old lady to share entertainment, travel & fun. Long term relationship in mind. Really current photo please. Reply to Box No 6859

GREY slim male, 50, would like to meet similar male for platonic companionship. Kent Please Reply to Box No 7167

GAY, non-scene professional guy, 39, central London, good looking, slim and fit. Likes squash, cinema, food, wine and travel. Looking for similar, sincere man with sense of humour 28-45. Photo and frank letter please Reply to Box No 7164

GAY man, professional, just 48, loyal, sincere, non-scene, musical, seeks affectionate guy, 30-50 for friendship, travel and sharing. Box No 7035

GAY Man, 41, Company director. Slim, very fit. Seeks similar caring sincere person for friendship possibly more. Interests include long distance running, skiing, theatre, North Yorkshire. Reply to Box No 7254

ELDERLY intelligent guy, 65, New Forest area seeks another with cultural interests to share walks, travel, opera. Box 7048

VERY ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT WOMAN
Aged 36, 5'8", seeks longterm relationship with gentleman. You will be a professional, successful and caring individual, possibly with your own children. Reply with photograph and details of character and profession in strictest confidence.
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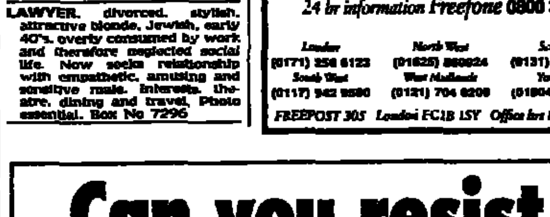
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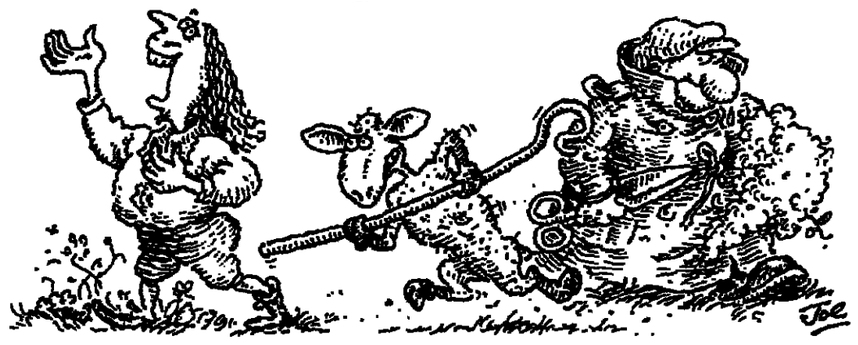
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When mutterings mark the seasons



FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

I always hoped that when I took up farming I would somehow forge a mystical union with the land, sky and wind, and gain an understanding of the four great seasons of the year. It has not worked out quite as I expected.

I suppose I should blame poets and writers for raising false expectations. My mind was filled with Dick the Shepherd blowing his nail, and Shelley's wild west wind, breath of autumn's being, and Tennyson's moans of doves in immemorial elms. Not to mention: *There's a whisper down the field where the year has shot her yield, / And the ricks stand grey to the sun, / Singing: 'Over then, come over, for the bee has quit the clover, / And your English summer's done'* " (Kipling).

I would love to be able to say that I have no further need for clock or calendar; that the rhythms of my life are dictated by the migration of the sun through the heavens. It would make me genuinely happy to tell you that the moans of the dove had supplanted the Budget as a marker in the year, or that it was the quitting of the bee from the clover which spurred me into gathering fuel for the bleak mid-winter, instead of a special offer of bulk heating oil.

Instead, I find that, increasingly, the turning of the seasons is marked ever less by the events of nature and ever more by the mutterings of man.

It was a casual encounter with a neighbour in the village which crystallised this in my mind.

It has been bitterly cold these past couple of weeks, cold for June anyway. The wind has been set in the north and the poor cows and horses who lost their winter coats back in early May, when it looked as though a blistering summer was on the cards, now find themselves cruelly cheated and spend long days under the hedge with their backs to the wind.

"More like April," I cried to someone I met in the street, turning up my collar to deflect the drizzle.

"We always say that," he replied. "Every year, the same. We moan that we've had to put the heating back on as if we'd never had to do it ever before. But it's the same every year."

Thinking back, it is amazing how the same conversations are held every year, at roughly the same time, and always on the same subject — far more reliable than bees leaving clover.

Take the business of the leaves of the sugar beet. This topic of conversation is almost as punctual as the Queen's Christmas message. About the middle of May, someone will tell you that the sugar beet looks "a bit behind". It is never foward, always behind. They will then tell you that "father Tallus reckoned that the leaves of the sugar beet should meet across the rows by the date of the county show." As the Suffolk Show always falls at the end of May and the leaves look some distance from an embrace, there is much shaking of heads, as if the end of the world had just been declared official. For all I know, since that bit of folklore was established they may have moved the show forward a few weeks. But the discussion must still be held, every year, on the plight of the crop.

Then, again in the spring, we have the ritual of standing at the edge of the meadow, moaning about how the grass does not seem to be growing properly. This is irrespective of the state of the crop. Somehow, we dare not let ourselves be optimistic.

If I dare to mention, casually, that the grass is looking fine, someone is certain to pipe up: "Yes, the grass is not too bad. But it's not growing *properly* yet."

The blades of grass could be high enough to tickle that chap's armpits, but the sowing of doubt has become such a yearly occurrence that I now suspect that the seasons will not advance until the ritual has been played out.

"Time those sheep were sheared" — that's another one. As soon as any warmth is felt in the spring sunshine, someone will look at the flock and remark that "they'm be ready to have them coats off". Had I followed that advice every time it was given I would have had a flock of sheep which would have qualified for the Government's cold weather allowance. Had they not died in the meantime.

Shearers will tell you that there is a right time to take a fleece from a sheep and it is when the oil is beginning to rise in the wool. It appears to have little to do with what the thermometer suggests. Nevertheless, every year for the past five I have been urged to take early shears to the flock. Every year I have ignored the advice. But now I know that, until I have heard those words and suffered a subsequent cold snap, spring cannot possibly turn to summer.

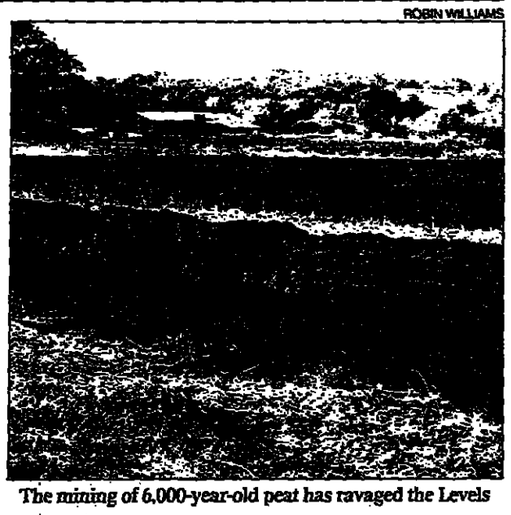
So forget that stuff about larks and cuckoos and spring not being far behind: poets clearly spend too much time indoors. Chronicle the conversations instead. *Hark, summer's near, the farmers moan, / bewailing unshorn sheep and tardy seed. / Rejoice! The summer surely must be close. / 'Tis grumbling, not the sun, that makes the seasons speed.* (Heiney).

You could well have better verses to offer.

Wildlife floods to a Levels playing-field

A fair deal is struck with nature as Somerset's Avalon marshes are returned to bitterns and marsh harriers

ROBIN WILLIAMS



The mining of 6,000-year-old peat has ravaged the Levels

ENGLISH NATURE





The lesser silver beetle (left) is confined to Somerset and needs constant habitat protection. Above, the peat workings on Shapwick Heath are flooded to form Avalon lakes

When no less than three new National Nature Reserves are declared on the Somerset Levels next month, the celebratory beanfeast will be small recognition of an awesome restoration campaign.

The marshes and lakes of Avalon are being re-created for the benefit of the wildlife that flourished before man pumped water from the wetland habitats earlier this century — and in doing so drained the chances of survival for some species as surely as if they had tapped the lifeblood from their veins.

Pumps have been switched off on areas of land in the Brue Valley, west of Glastonbury, flooding much of what was ravaged by peat mining. The sedge peat laid down 6,000 years ago as the sea receded has been bagged, sold and spread over millions of suburban gardens.

Despite peat loss, the Levels are recognised internationally as a refuelling stop for birds migrating south. Wetland habitats have been disappearing fast nationwide, but some survive in the Levels and farming has not ruined the potential to restore others.

The declaration by English Nature on July 19 of the three reserves is gold-star recognition for an extended area of Shapwick Heath, Westhay Moor and Ham Wall, managed respectively by English Nature, Somerset Wildlife Trust and the RSPB.

They have been designated as much for their potential as for their existing wildlife. Their new status will enhance bids for conservation funds: re-wetting the land costs at least £5,000 per hectare, requiring dams to retain rain water, and sluices to let it out.

Recently Fisons (now Levingtons) handed 1,200 acres of former peat workings to English Nature, so that two-thirds of the total 3,500 acres of the Brue Valley are now managed by conservationists.

The transformation of the areas being restored today is dramatic. Ugly black-ridged blots on the landscape have been levelled, flooded and now teem with life. In late spring, the still waters reflect the silver birch and willow cover, save where it is rippled by the wakes of swans, coots and ducks and their downy broods on outings.

Even now, up to 100 varieties of plants, including orchids, crowd underfoot. Rare bearded tits frolic overhead, kingfishers flash brilliantly along the rhynes (or drainage ditches), and marsh harriers, of whom only 90 pairs survive nationally, soar.

Habitats are being tailor-made here to entice even rarer species, such as bitterns (only 16 males are known in this country). Some bitterns winter on the Levels and are being encouraged to nest.

Scarce diving water beetles and raft spiders dart in the ditches, and unusual varieties of butterfly, such as marsh fritillary and brown argus, thrive in the area. The lesser silver water beetle is exclusive to the Levels in this country.

People have lived in the Brue Valley, at least in summer, for more than 5,000 years and gave Somerset its name, "Land of the Summer People". Their houses were built above the water on wooden stilts, with raised wooden walkways between them. One, found in peat in 1970, has been dated 3,830 BC and, perhaps the oldest road in the world, is being preserved in wet conditions by English Nature. Later, Iron Age lake villages were built near Glastonbury and Meare.

It was only 50 years ago that the modern pump facilitated peat digging and farming. It was nine years ago that the Somerset Wildlife Trust had the vision of what might be in the Brue Valley, with its criss-cross of drainage ditches.

"We thought these peat diggings would be ideal for a nature reserve, but were told that their destiny was to be landfill rubbish dumps, or used for grazing," says director Roger Martin. "A campaign started five years ago to persuade gardeners to use compost instead of peat caused enough anxiety for peat producers to want to put a greener face on their industry. So they asked for backing and the Avalon Marshes project was born.

"We restored a 100-acre patch of land to prove it could be done," Mr Martin says.

The pilot, finished in 1993, cost just over £400,000, £250,000 of which came from the EC. Rare raised bogs of sphagnum moss survive — important because it provides an acid habitat and is a gauge of the conditions — but currently no one knows how to sow it successfully. Robin Prowse, English Nature's site manager, says the latest idea is to spin the moss in a liquidiser before scattering it. He is also growing experimental beds of different species.

The Avalon Marsh concept is also experimenting with the involvement of local people, who have forgotten how to cope with land that is wet in the winter and only suitable for grazing in the summer. A feasibility study published last October suggests help for farmers wanting to explore fish farming, or crops such as watercress, water reed for thatch, and withies for basket ware.

Ideas for green tourism include the reconstruction of a lake village, boat trips from Glastonbury through the Brue Valley, the creation of a 60-acre recreational lake, cycle ways and study centres. Bird-watching hides are already planned.

The restoration is expected to cost £7 million. The county council has applied to the Millennium Fund for half, so that the wetland can finish the century as it started. As man helps nature to overcome man, the magic is returning to the marshes of Avalon.

CHRISTINE WEBB

Sing a churring song at twilight

Feather Report

STUDIO EDITIONS



The nightjar's nestlings have been compared to "black, silky toads"

THE NIGHTJAR is one of our most mysterious birds. You are only likely to see it at dusk, wheeling and zigzagging as it pursues moths and beetles over a lonely heath. It looks like a dark hawk, with white spots glimmering on its wings and tail. Normally it is silent as it flies, but when it is courting it will clap its wings, or make a sharp call that goes like a whipcrack through the still evening air.

Then it will settle down to singing for the night. It perches on a bush, or lengthwise along a branch, and its churring song rises and falls, audible far away, for five minutes at a time.

It feeds again in the faint light of dawn. It has a very wide gape so that the moths just glide into its gullet, but it also has a little fringe of bristles to protect its eyes against collisions with hefty flying cockchafers.

By daybreak it has gone down to the ground, where it lies perfectly camouflaged in its streaky browns and creams among the dead bracken. If it wants to preen, it begins to move slowly, swaying like a scrap of vegetation in the wind so that no sudden action draws attention to it. If it is alarmed, it slowly shrinks into a kind of cigar shape. It makes its nest on the bare ground, laying two blotchy eggs.

Occasionally you become aware of one on the ground in front of you, your eyes slowly distinguishing its strange features from its surroundings. But you are more likely to flush it. Then it will fly up into a tree, stretching itself along the branch again so that it is as inconspicuous as possible. One observer who disturbed a nightjar while it was brooding its newly hatched young described the nestlings as like "wet, black, silky toads".

The nightjar has acquired wonderful names. "Fern owl" is one of the most apt. "Goatsucker" reflects the superstitions that clung to it — it was thought to steal goats' milk at night.

In spite of all their tricks for escaping ... [illegible] ... notice, nightjars have declined in numbers in recent years. Much of our heathland has gone under the plough or become overgrown. However, nightjars also nest in woodland glades, and they have prospered in young conifer plantations, and in the spaces left where pines and firs have recently been felled. There are now several thousand pairs summering here.

At Minsmere, in Suffolk, experiments have been carried out in increasing the amount of bare ground in suitable habitats, and there has been a distinct rise in the numbers of nightjars. In fact, a pub landlord in a village inland from Minsmere told me not long ago: "I often stand at the back door at closing time, having a night jar and hearing a nightjar." He is a lucky man to be able to do that.

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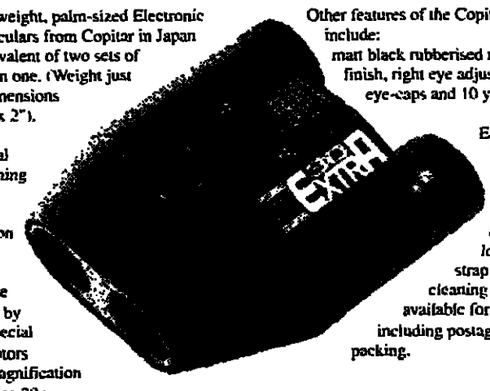
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FRANCE: Tips for a smooth car trip south, including first-night stops to sample the treats of Burgundy . . .

Steering clear of traps

THE holidaymakers who head for France, unlike those who choose Spain, are largely self-sufficient, taking their own cars and catering for themselves in gites and cottages, *writes Harvey Elliott.*

Last year an estimated 5.25 million visitors were tourists, and about one million people made a day trip. The French maintain that short breaks have soared in popularity, even though the pound buys only Fr7.87 compared with Fr8.5 last year and Fr9.53 five years ago.

But the fact that the country has been hit by recession means that there are still many villas with capacity even in August — and that means that owners are willing to negotiate on price. Eating out is relatively cheap. A good meal can cost £10 a head, including wine. In many small towns and villages, however, shops have been forced to close because of the opening of out-of-town hypermarkets.

The regions of France all have their own attractions, but the most popular destinations this year are Paris and the Ile de France, Brittany, Normandy and Aquitaine.

SPECTRUM



Stop in Vézelay, above, and be within a stone's throw of the bistro of Marc Meneau, one of France's top ten chefs

Since Easter I have driven 6,000 miles in France on all types of roads. I also receive a large number of readers' letters describing their visits to France. As a result of my own observations and some of my readers' misfortunes, I have compiled a list of ten vital tips to heed before setting off.

● On my travels I have counted dozens of speed traps. I, for one, have never driven so slowly in France, especially in town and villages, where the speed limit is 50km/h (31mph). The town or village name at the entrance to the built-up area starts the limit. As you leave the built-up area a red bar through the same name marks the de-restriction sign.

● Watch for radar traps on autoroutes and main roads. North-bound drivers on the A26 should note two regular traps: one near the A26/A21 junction north of Arras; and another just before the toll booths at St-Omer.

Remember: (i) the speed limit on toll autoroutes is 130 km/h (110km/h in the rain); (ii) on non-toll autoroutes/dual carriageways it is 110km/h (100km/h in the wet); (iii) on all other roads the limit is 90km/h (80km/h in the rain); (iv) in foggy conditions the limit is 50km/h on *all* roads.

● Never overtake where there is a solid single centre line; and "STOP" means stop.

● Don't drink and drive. A lower drink-drive limit, introduced last year, is below the British level.

Now for the crunch, and the reasons why you should observe all driving laws in France: the police can impose draconian fines. For many offences the standard fine is Fr900 (£115), reduced by one third if you pay on the spot. But the maximum fine can be as high as Fr5,000 (£641).

On-the-spot speeding fines start at Fr900 and can rise to Fr5,000 (plus suspension). Fines for exceeding the drinking level start at Fr2,000 (£260) and can rise to a staggering Fr30,000 (£4,000).

● Thefts from cars are common, especially along the Mediterranean. If you leave your vehicle in the road or in a car park overnight, *always* remove the contents. I know of readers who have, at best, had property stolen from their cars or, at worst, have had their vehicles stolen.

● Petrol prices in France are high. A gallon of petrol can cost almost £3.50 at garages on the autoroute and main roads. Nose out the supermarket service stations and you will save up to 20 per cent.

● French hoteliers are having a tough time. The *franc fort* hurts; but so does the ever-mushrooming crop of budget hotels — which ensure that bedroom prices are kept low. Numerous restaurateurs offer *rapport qualité-prix* menus with good food at modest prices (£12 to £15 per person, including service). These are easy to locate if you go armed with suitable guides.

● Arrange car breakdown and medical insurance with the AA/RAC or similar organisations. Europ Assistance did a magnificent job when my Citröen ZXTD came to a sudden halt on Ascension Day last month, when the garages were shut.

● Take a few car spare parts with you. For example, I wish I had had a spare clutch cable on my last trip. Right-hand-drive versions are longer than left-hand-drive ones, and French garages do not stock the former.

● Finally, "sleeping policemen" are commonplace — even on major roads. Take care: I know of cyclists and vehicles who suffered serious injury because they did not reduce their speed.

RICHARD BINNS

● *The author has written* Mapaholics' France *and* Francewise France *(both £5.99), Chiltern House.*

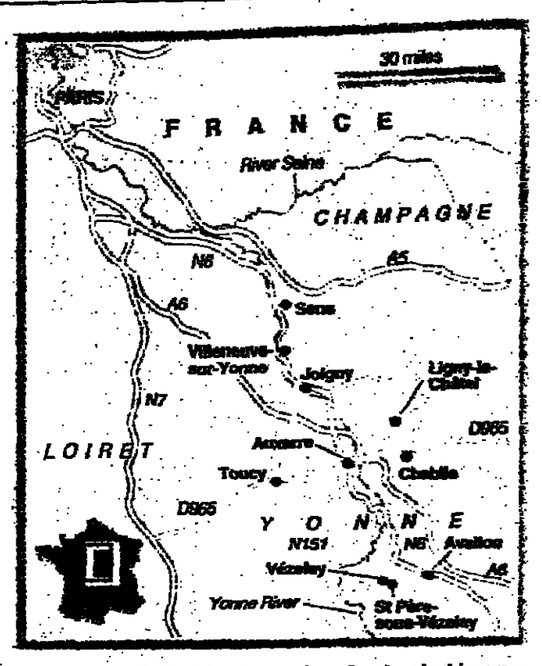
A feast for eyes and stomach

If you're driving to Provence this summer, give a thought to stopping on the way in northern Burgundy. This is where I live for more than half the year, and it is now only four hours from the Channel Tunnel. You'll find that a wealth of country inns and good food at modest prices awaits you.

True countryside begins at Sens, 90 miles southwest of Paris. Its towering cathedral was built by William of Canterbury, and it has long been a landmark on the main road to the Mediterranean. To enjoy the city you should stay at the old posting inn, the Hôtel de Paris et Poste, which has small but well-appointed rooms. Dine here amid 19th-century panelling, or walk through the medieval streets to Le Clos des Jacobins. A portrait of Escoffier gives the clue to country classics such as *feuilleté* of Burgundy snails with *anise* and duck *confit*, its potato accompaniment fried with garlic and herbs.

For a more rustic alternative, continue another ten miles to La Lucarne aux Chouettes in the turreted old town of Villeneuve-sur-Yonne. This riverside inn was recently created by Leslie Caron, of *Gigi* fame. The rooms are charming, and the simple wholesome menu is served in an unparalleled setting overlooking the river.

Rather than stay in Auxerre, I'd suggest turning east at the Auxerre Nord exit towards Chablis, where a glass of flinty white wine at the café on the square is a must. For the night you'll do best in the village of Ligny-le-Châtel, where the Relais St Vincent is simple but comfortable. Madame specialises in Burgundian cooking with dishes such as kidneys flamed with *marc de Bourgogne* and tarte Tatin.



The Auxerre Sud exit has its secrets too. The wine area of the Auxerrois is too often passed over. You'll sleep peacefully and eat well at the Auberge les Tilleuls in Vincelottes, an unassuming riverside inn near Bailly. There you can sample *crémant de Bourgogne* in the quarries which house the local wine cooperative.

For dinner you really shouldn't miss La Chamaille at Chevannes. Here is country cooking fully deserving its Michelin Guide star, with dishes such as roast pigeon with garlic and green cabbage. Smiling Madame Siri presides over the beamed dining room.

Further south on the A6 is the Avallon/Vézelay exit. Once in Avallon, follow signs to the Vallée du Cousin where you will enter a world of rocky gorges and tumbling streams. For a room within the sound of water, try Le Moulin des Ruats. From Avallon itself, you can also take the road to Vézelay and stay at Fontette at the Hotel Le Grispol. There you will be within a stone's throw of Le Pré des Marguerites at St Père-sous-Vézelay, the bistro of Marc Meneau, one of France's top ten chefs.

These suggestions are proffered as overnight stops. Dare I suggest that you linger to enjoy a few days in this corner of France? The galaxy of restaurants on offer here include two of the top 20 in France (as rated in the Michelin guide): L'Esperance at St-Père-sous-Vézelay headed by chef Marc Meneau (86 33 39 10); and La Côte St Jacques in Joigny with chef Michel Lorain (86 62 09 70).

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 25

CLINOMANIA
(c) An excessive desire to stay in bed, which *affects most of us at some time or another. Not* a bad mania, as manias go, and a reasonably *plausible excuse for taking Monday off.*

HARMATIOLOGY
(a) That part of theology which deals with sin. From the Greek *harma, harmatos* sin or offence. "So little Morag is doing Divinity this year! That must be very gratifying for you, Mrs Prichard — and she'll be doing her work experience in harmatiology, then?"

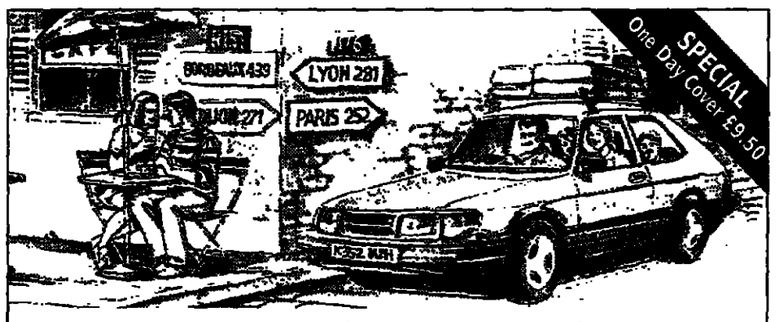
CURMUDGEON
(c) A cantankerous old codger. Both *curmudgeon* and *codger* apply to men only, and there *appears to be no female equivalent. Perhaps dragon* or *grimalkin*, an old she-cat, comes *closest to it. Maybe women have too much* self-respect to go in for grumps and sulks.

PARONOMASIA
(b) Wordplay of the punning kind, using *similar-sounding (or identical sounding)* words with different meanings in close *proximity to each other, for an effect of* comedy, balance, or cleverness.

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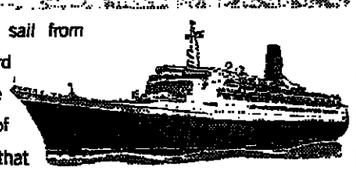
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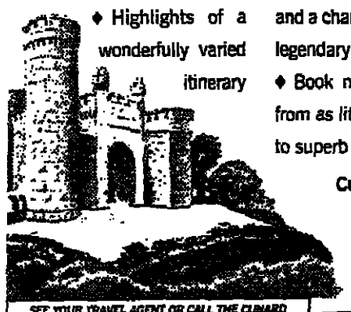
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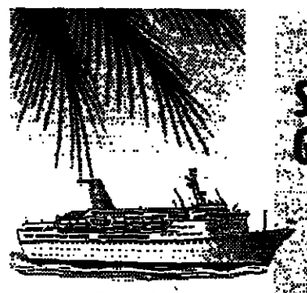
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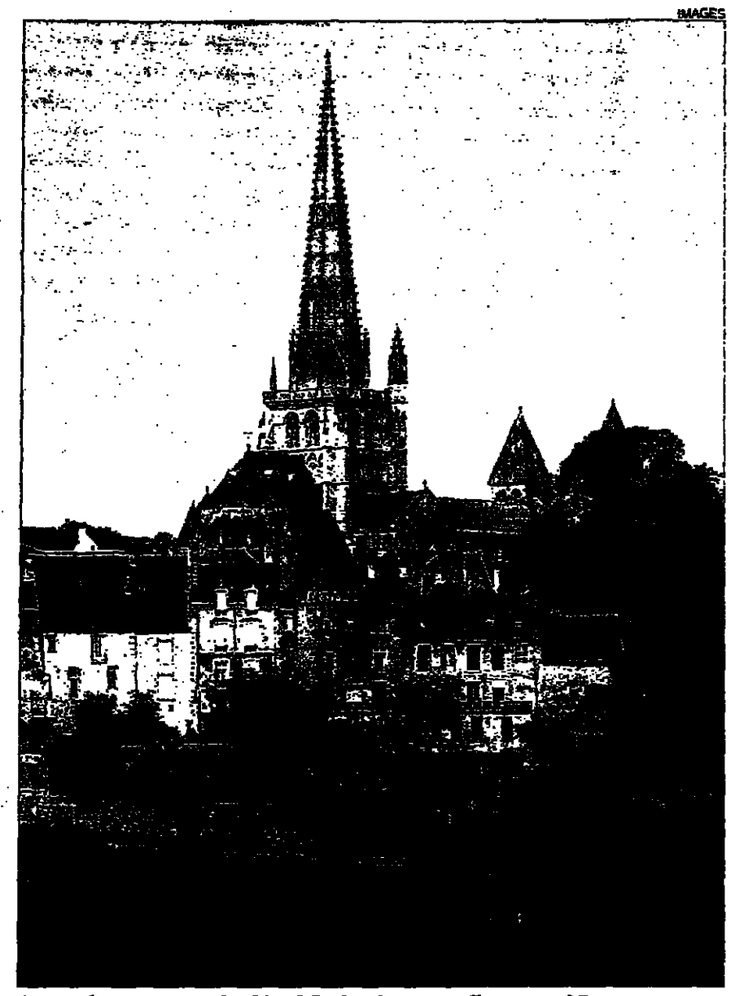
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Warm to the mill's tale

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Autun, the gateway to the Côte d'Or, has its own well-preserved Roman entrance

Autun guards the western approaches to the Côte d'Or, where the great Burgundies come from. If you are coming from Normandy (for example, by way of Brittany Ferries to Ouistreham), and heading south, you can take the Autoroute de l'Ouest towards Paris, and sheer off on the A71 autoroute, which runs down from Paris through Orléans and the Sologne forests to Bourges into the Auvergne. Then you approach the heart of Burgundy, with its great Romanesque churches, its vineyards and its villages which all look like locations for *Clochemerle* or *Jour de Fête*, through the Morvan. This is a secluded, peaceful region of small, rolling hills, rising to 2000ft at Mont Beuvray: cattle country.

Autun was the Roman *Augustodunum* and, amazingly, as you approach the town you are confronted by a perfectly preserved, full-sized Roman gateway. Just before you reach it, take a sharp right down a lane and you will have arrived at the Vieux Moulin (85 52 10 90).

As any old mill ought to be, it is a rambling pile of buildings, straddling the millrace, bright with geraniums. Vegetable gardens surround it, which are watched over by the owner's big but friendly dogs: she is forthcoming too, and the hotel and restaurant are spotless.

Although the mill is right on the edge of the town, and an easy walking distance from the town square with its cathedral and its handsome classical *lycée*, it sits in the middle of fields of browsing cattle, and in its own grounds stands another Roman building, perhaps a small temple.

Dinner is served in a big dining room with windows looking out on to these fields. The rooms are pleasantly cluttered, with old brass and vintage farm instruments. The service is efficient, the food excellent: I have rarely had better *foie gras*. Only two forks in Michelin, not a rosette, but on our two visits the food was well within range of star quality, and the atmosphere exceptionally relaxing and pleasant, with good Burgundy that was not overpriced.

There are 16 bedrooms at the mill. They are simple, but have bathrooms and plenty of hot water. After a long drive, a stroll round an unspoilt *sous-préfecture* town, a *kir* and a good dinner, with the pleasures of Beaune, Vézelay, Tournus and Cluny ahead, you will sleep well. In the morning you can lean over the bridge and look at the trout before setting off. And you could not have had a better introduction to my favourite French province.

GODFREY HODGSON

A Euro Disney for parents

When the cult of Disney has done to your child's mind what the cult of Lenin aimed to do to the average Soviet child's — "I love Mickey Mouse, mummy and daddy" — then the pressure to go to a certain theme park near Paris is not easy to resist.

In the end, it is not just the endless badgering that works, it's the all-too-obvious recognition that the children will enjoy it so much, even if they realise that you hate it.

The answer, I can tell the confirmed Euro Disney sceptic, the normal rational person afraid of going soft in the head, is to limit the dosage.

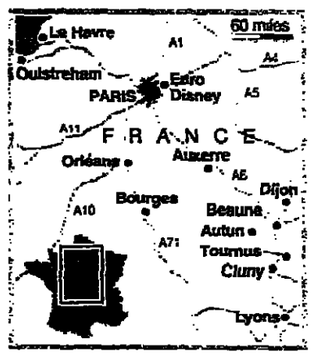
"All right, we can go for two days, but we're not staying there," I heard myself saying. The only experience I had of accommodation in the vicinity of Euro Disney, which is, after all, to Paris what Basildon is to London, was the Sofitel at Charles de Gaulle airport. Not ideal for children.

Into which scenario came the notion of a newly opened reconstructed farmhouse hotel called Le Manoir de Gressy 20 minutes from Charles de Gaulle and 20 minutes from Euro Disney.

During the week this 90-room four-star hotel is filled with airport business, conferences and other "suits" paying between Fr750 (£93) and Fr950 (£117) a night for a room and breakfast.

At the weekends, like many business hotels, it is virtually empty, so the Manoir is now offering weekend packages of only Fr900 (£110) a couple a night including breakfast and dinner. Children under 12 sleeping in their parents' room can stay free of charge and will only have to pay for dinner.

The test of a business hotel trying to attract a weekend family business is whether it can change gear. The Manoir is the sort of place where, once the electronic gates have obligingly swept open, the receptionist seems to stand to attention as you walk in.



You automatically lower your voice to preserve the tranquillity, just as the children shout: "Look daddy, there's the swimming pool," before beginning the 100-metre sprint across the beautiful stone-flagged hall that had looked so restful seconds before.

I felt that one of us had made a serious mistake and, in an even quieter voice asked: "You do allow children here, don't you?"

In fact, there were other families and children, and the staff adapted remarkably well, knowing when to whip away the long-stemmed claret glass and to bring out a tumbler.

I did not go into Paris while I was at the Manoir. Although you can cycle 30km down the path that runs alongside the Canal de L'Ourco into the centre of the city, I imagine that the drive — or half hour on the train — is a bit far for the average weekend city visitor.

For Euro Disney, though, it was ideal. I had been astonished when I asked the hotel reception for details on getting to Euro Disney, for, instead of being given the ready-printed forms, I waited while several members of staff huddled round a map and worked out the best route for me, as if it was the first time anyone had asked.

In fact, you are practically at Euro Disney before you see a signpost. It is five minutes' drive from the Manoir to the A104 La Francilienne — the French version of the M25 but without the jams — a few junctions and 15 minutes later you turn off into Euro Disney's ambitiously large car park.

To find moving walkways extending far beyond the cars which occupied only a corner of the car park boded well for the Euro Disney sceptic. Inside, however, it was far from empty, and the most popular rides still had 30-minute queues. Heaven knows what it would be like if the car park were ever full.

I found Euro Disney a bit like Christmas shopping: you know it has to be done and you fear the worst: but once you enter into the spirit it is, in fact, surprisingly good fun.

GRAHAM DUFFILL

Fact file

☐ Graham Duffill and his family were guests of Le Manoir de Gressy, 77410 Gressy en France (00 431 602668 00; fax 00 431 60264546.

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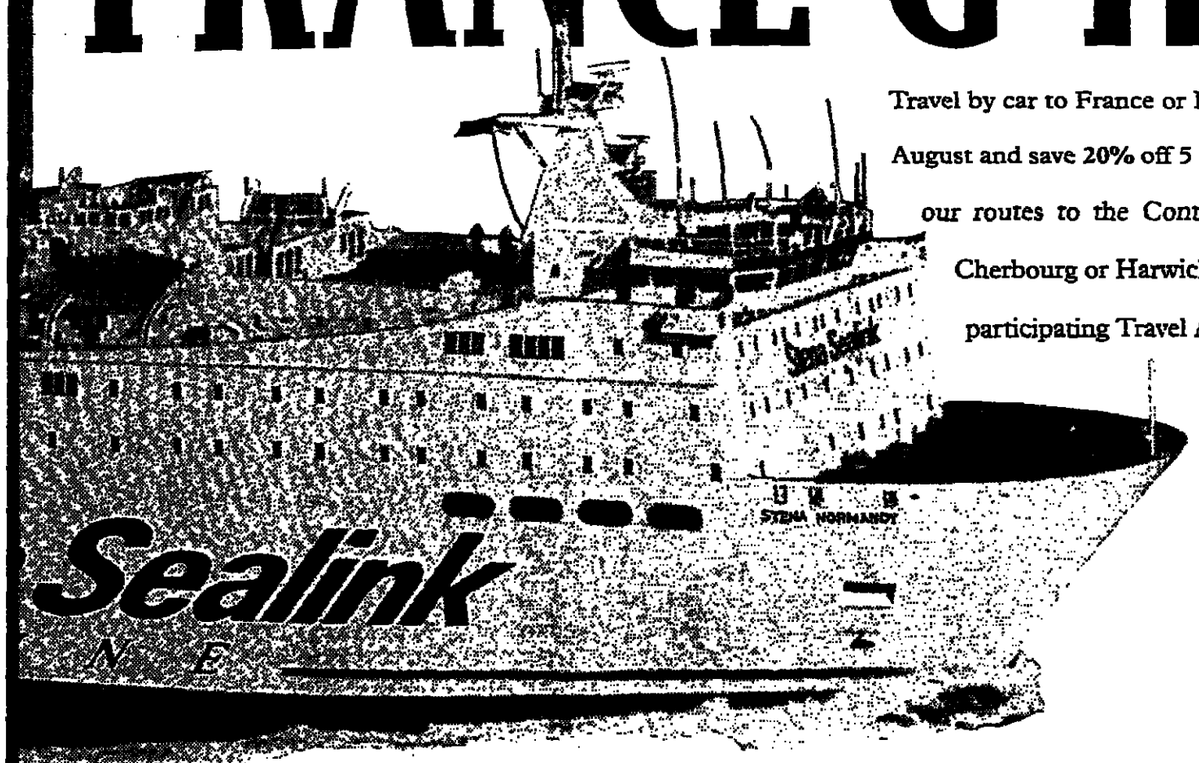
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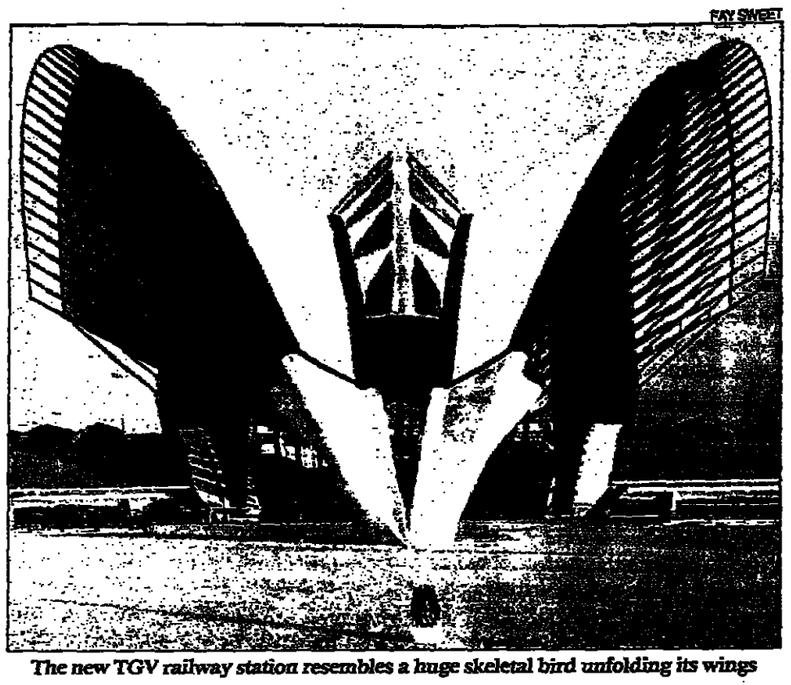
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The elegant Renaissance houses in the old city

For years there has been an unsolved mystery in European tourism. It is the strange case of Lyons. Why, given Lyons's charms — its handsome situation at the confluence of the Saône and Rhône rivers and its reputation as the gastronomic centre of the Western world — do so few tourists go there?

The easy answer is traffic. In the days before Lyons was bypassed by the motorway, frustrated holidaymakers knew the city outskirts as home to the mother of all jams that stopped their rush south on the A7 to Provence and the Côte d'Azur.

Yet visitors who have made it to the centre of the city are delighted by what they find. Lyons is a living pop-up book of bourgeois French city life. When I arrived in the city earlier this year I took the funicular up to the Fourvière hill, which overlooks the city, and watched Lyonnais schoolchildren rehearse a play in the Roman amphitheatre. Wearing sheets for togas and carrying orange juice as a deadly potion they stepped and strutted much as the actors must have done when the theatre was the most important in Gaul.

From the brow of this holy hill you can see the city arranged like layers of scenery towards the horizon: the Renaissance quarter at the bottom of hill; then, between the two rivers, the Presqu'île, a tongue of land criss-crossed by 18th-century streets culminating in the gravelly expanse of Place Bellecour.

Beyond is the 19th-century district where the canuts, the silk weavers, suffered and spun the first threads of French trade unionism. On the skyline is modern Lyons, La Part-Dieu, a complex that claims to house the biggest shopping centre in Europe and, sharing the horizon, the basic blocks of Lyons's emerging "international city of the future".

Until now, the Lyonnais have been content to develop the city for their own commerce and pleasure. But that is changing. The world now knows about the city's dramatic new opera house, a black and crimson high-tech box slotted into the walls of a 19th-century building. Tickets are cheap and available and the best view of Lyons is from the top-floor café set behind the statues of the muses.

Movie buffs might know about the city's 1995 festival to celebrate the invention of cinematography by the Lumière brothers 100 years ago. It is being held at their château in rue du Premier Film. And anyone interested in modern architecture will have registered Calatrava's heavenly new TGV railway station next to the airport. It is built like a skeletal bird unfolding its steel wings across the track.

But the most significant change has been around the streets and Renaissance buildings in Vieux Lyons. They have been restored to a beautiful, honey-coloured elegance. In this pedestrianised quarter, well-heeled locals shop for fashionable inessentials and cruise the menus outside *bouchons* — small restaurants serving pork, Lyons sausage, chitterlings and tripe. To sample *bouchon* cooking in 19th-century style, try the Comptoir du Boeuf in place Neuve-Saint-Jean where the specialities are *terrine de lentilles* and *foie de volaille*.

Running between the narrow street are alleyways and stairs known as *traboules*. Push what looks like a front door and you are in a flagstone passage. Turn a corner and the corridor opens theatrically to a perfect Italianate courtyard with a stone spiral tower in one corner, and carved balconies on each side. There might be a fountain, tree or a sculpture in the shadows. "This is *very* Lyonnais," my guide told me. "To have a beautiful courtyard but to keep it private."

The people who built this labyrinth were Italian silk merchants and bankers drawn to Lyons in the 15th century by the four annual trade fairs. They gave the city its first taste of international money making, and the discreet charm of the bourgeoisie that lingers to this day.

One of the most princely of the Renaissance buildings in the old town is now a hotel. The Cours des Loges has a high, glass-covered courtyard with three storeys of arched galleries. The walls are Tuscan pink. But since this is France, where they are free from our slavish desire to have everything "in keeping", the rooms are colourful tributes to modern design (though mine had a small sitting room with an open fire).

According to M Poucher, the under-manager of the hotel, who waxes the tips of his moustache, it is "not uncommon" for guests to stay one night having flown to Lyons to eat at a starry restaurants.

Lyons has a premier league of restaurants run by chef/proprietors who are famous enough to make the cover of *Paris Match*. Indeed, when the expression *nouvelle cuisine* was first coined, it referred as much to this new tendency for the chef to come into the limelight as it did to the food. Paul Bocuse is the leader of that generation, the only chef to have been awarded the Legion of Honour by a French President at a ceremony in which Valéry Giscard d'Estaing had a truffle soup named after him in return.

The Bocuse restaurant is 11km out of Lyons on the banks of the Saône at Collonges (go by water taxi). The first sight is a shock. It is painted bright red and green (Bocuse's other passion is fairground organs). Inside, the restaurant is comfortable, but not intimidating. We went on a Sunday night, which is informal, and were reading the menu when suddenly there was Bocuse himself, jovial and portly in a white chef's kit. £100 bought the two of us the kind of Babette's feast that lifts the spirits.

Lyons is scattered with chefs who have trained under Bocuse. Pierre Orsi, whose restaurant is on place Kléber, makes an excellent three-star understudy if Bocuse is full. At the other end of the scale, I enjoyed Café des Fédérations in rue du Major-Martin, a lively working person's lunch stop where there is a limited but delicious Lyonnais menu best avoided by vegetarians.

Tom Higgins told me that there are 1,523 restaurants in Lyons. How brave he was then, being an Englishman, to add one more to list, Mister Higgins, on the Croix Rousée hill. Tom is in love with Lyons. He can't explain why the city has been so overlooked, except to suggest that in the Lyonnais enthusiasm for work and abhorrence of ostentation they forgot how to admire their city, stand back and throw wide their arms in welcome.

SUSAN MARLING

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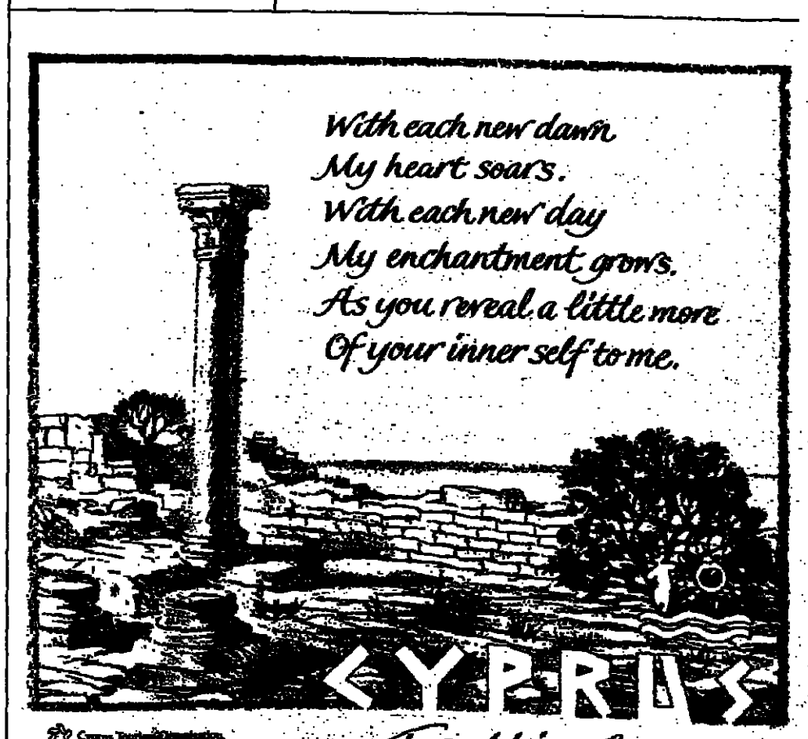
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On the shoreline, be prepared for a close encounter of a Neolithic kind, for this is the home of Orkney's seaweed-eating sheep, the purebred descendants of the original Stone Age stock. Confined to the beach by a wall that encircles the 14-mile coastline, these sheep are unlike any other breed.

For example, faced with an obstacle, a merino sheep will find a way round, a Dartmoor will sit down and wait for it to go away, but a North Ronaldsay will fix it with a defiant stare and charge full tilt. Wild as the wind, they stampede around the shoreline, silhouetted against huge waves crashing at their feet. At high tide they huddle against the wall then, as it ebbs they head towards the water, leaping from rock to rock to find the choicest morsels of oarweed and bladderwrack.

Orkney is a place to catch your breath. There are 70 islands to explore, each with its own attractions. Subaqua sport thrives in Scapa Flow, where you can dive among the wrecks of Germany's First World War fleet; anglers have seven lochs to choose from; and, if you feel in need of company, you can find a welcome in the inns of Kirkwall and Stromness.

The story of the islands is told in a time-capsule of stone that spans 5,000 years. Neolithic villages, Viking palaces, brochs (or towers), burial chambers and mysterious stone circles dot the landscape. On South Ronaldsay I strapped on knee and knuckle pads to crawl inside a Stone Age burial chamber, and was given a tour around a Pictish farmhouse fitted with the mod cons that the Bronze Age could offer: indoor running water, a fitted flagstone floor and tiny stone box-beds. "They were the same size as us," explained my guide. "But they slept sitting up, since lying down was thought to tempt providence."



The door of St Magnus

Who or what the ancients worshipped we will never know, but you are never far from a place where they once bent their heads in prayer. Orkney converted to Christianity in 995, but the ruined Celtic monasteries predate this by 500 years. Orphir has Scotland's only round church, and on the isle of Lambholm are two Nissen huts transformed into a beautiful chapel by Italian PoWs during the Second World War.

Finally, there is Orkney's pride and joy, St Magnus's Cathedral, a rose-red sandstone gem made by the masons who built Durham. In 995 Orkney belonged to Norway, and last weekend Orcadians and Norwegians celebrated, at a service in St Magnus, 1,000 years after the Norwegian king, Olaf Trygvassen, anchored at Kirk Hope Bay in the Pentland Firth and persuaded the ruler of Orkney, Earl Sigurd, to convert to Christianity. In the same bay, under grey skies, two ships — one with Orkney representatives, the other Norwegian — took part in a re-enactment of the event.

For the romantically inclined, Balfour Castle offers a special service. Guests can be married in the family chapel before retiring to the bridal suite. This is Orkney's only country-house hotel, a Victorian Scottish baronial pile on Shapinsay, half an hour by ferry from Kirkwall.

Balfour Castle still has its original furnishings and fittings, bought in 1848 on the first owner's honeymoon in Italy. It was here that an unfinished staircase inspired Robert Louis Stevenson to write the spine-tingling scene in *Kidnapped* where Ebenezer sends his nephew on an ascent to certain death. Stevenson repaid his host's hospitality by naming his hero David Balfour. At the other end of Shapinsay is a humble cottage, the birthplace of the father of Washington Irving, who wrote a variation on an old Orkney legend and called it *Rip Van Winkle*.

Orkney is not for everyone. I'm told that the glamorous presenter of a television holiday programme went into shock when told she would have to walk a mile to the sea stack featured in her film. While many of Orkney's attractions can be reached by car, others require a little effort.

The path to the Broch of Deerness begins with the spectacle of the Gloup, a chasm big enough to sink a skyscraper. It then cuts across a wide expanse of moor before plunging down a vertical cliff to sea level and then up an even more perilous ascent to the tiny clifftop fort. It was a raw, chilly day, with sullen skies and horizontal rain but, snug in the shelter of the broch's stout walls, I drank in the view, and took time to ponder life — just as the first inhabitants must have done, 2,000 years ago.

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The Orkney islands offer golden beaches which, if not deserted, are jammed end to end with basking seals

Fact file

☐ The author was a guest of the Orkney Tourist Board, Broad Street, Kirkwall (01856 872856).

☐ How to get there: British Airways flies from Heathrow to Kirkwall via Aberdeen (return from £169). BA and Loganair fly daily to Kirkwall (except Sundays) from Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Inverness.
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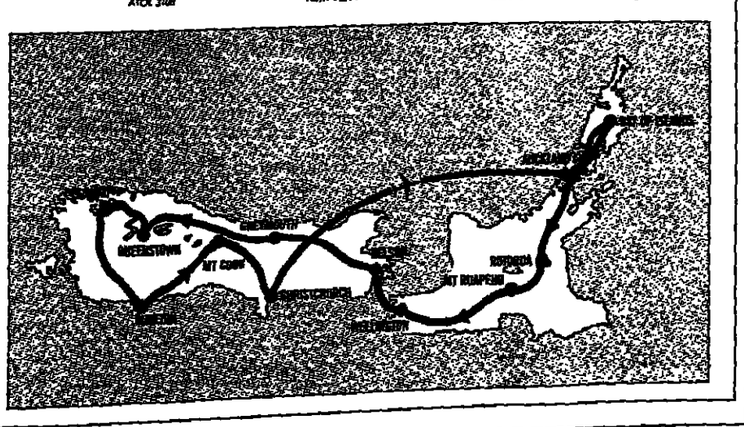
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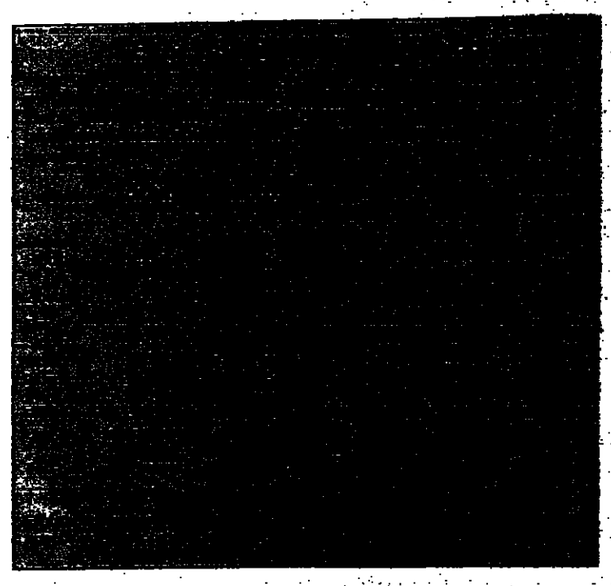
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by Raymond Keene

IN THE wake of Garry Kasparov's revenge victory against the Pentium Genius computer program, it was announced in Hong Kong during the Chinese world chess championships last month, that the human world champion will now face a fresh computer challenge.

On this occasion his opponent will be the world's most powerful chessplaying computer, IBM's Deep Blue. The Association for Computing Machinery, which is sponsoring the competition, has reached an agreement with Kasparov and contracts have been signed for a match in Philadelphia next February. The match will consist of six games and the prize fund will be $500,000.

The Deep Blue program will be enhanced by the use of a powerful new chess chip. By employing a large number of these chips working in parallel, the IBM team hope to create a chess machine more than 100 times faster than the current version, which was widely regarded as the world's strongest and was favourite to win the title in Hong Kong. This could mean that the program Kasparov faces will be analysing an astounding 10 million positions per second.

Still, IBM may have much work to do. In Hong Kong, far from winning the championship, Deep Blue suffered a setback against the Fritz program, which runs on a home PC: a 90mhz Pentium of the kind you can buy in a department store.

White: Deep Blue; Black: Fritz
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Sicilian Defence

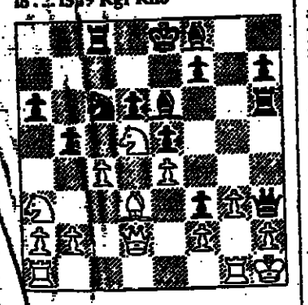
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3	d4	cxd4	4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	e5	6	Ndb5	d6
7	Bg5	a6	8	Na3	b5
9	Bxf6	gxf6	10	Nd5	f5
11	Bd3	Be6	12	Qh5	f4
13	0-0	Rg8	14	Kh1	Rg6
15	Qd1				

Deep Blue fails to recognise the danger that emanates from Fritz's kingside attack.

15	...	Re8	16	g4	Qh4
17	g3	Qh3	18	Qd2	

(18 Rg1 fails to 18 ... Qxh2+! 19 Kxh2 Rh6+ 20 Qh5 Rxh5+ 21 Kg2 Bh3+ 22 Kf3 Nd4 mate.)

18 ... f3! 19 Rg1 Rh6



20 Qxh6 Qxh6. The game is practically over.

21 exd5 Bxd5 22 cxd5 Nb4 23 Bf5 Re8. Black has to overcome some slight counterplay on the queen's flank, but once this has been neutralised, its material advantage will evidently become overwhelming.

24	bxa6	Nxa6	25	Nc2	Qd2
26	Ne1	Rxd5	27	Nd3	Qd2
28	Be4	Re5	29	Rg2	Qe3
30	Re1	Qh6	31	Bc6+	Kd8
32	e3	f5	33	Re2	Re5

As general rule, when materially ahead it is sound policy to trade pieces.

34	Re5	Nxc5	35	Rf1	Ba7
36	e	f4	37	gxf4	Qxf4
38	R1	Nxa4	39	b4	Qxb4

White resigns. The IBM team had recognised that there was no way back on their heavy losses of material.

After this, a play-off for first place was necessary and Fritz had another monster machine to face: Star Socrates from the US, which runs on a parallel computer containing 824 processors and over 30 gigabytes of memory. The machine itself is 30 ft long and weighs over ten tons. But Fritz, which has a single Pentium processor and a thousand times less memory, showed no fear, demolishing its opponent in a sharp tactical struggle.

READERS are invited to write an amusing caption for the cartoon, right. The cartoon, from the Punch library, includes the contemporary caption.

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PUZZLE PAGE

By Philip Howard

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a. Love of nurses
b. Fear of mountains
c. Lying in bed

HARMATIOLOGY
a. Dealing with sin
b. Retributive justice
c. Search for origins

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a. A cream and fruit fool
b. Helmsman of a trireme
c. Grumpy codger

PARONOMASIA
a. Slander
b. Punning
c. A mauve rock plant

Answers on page 18

by Robert Sheehan

THE Bermuda Bowl is the World Championship event for Open teams and the Venice Cup is the equivalent event for women. They will be played later this year in Peking.

Teams qualify for these two events by playing in Zonal Championships. The toughest of these is the European Championship, sponsored this year by the Generali Insurance Company. In the past 20 years the British women have won the European three times, and the Venice Cup twice. In that period, the Open team has won the European once, and come second in the Bermuda Bowl once.

The European involves two weeks of play, and starts today in Vilamoura, Portugal. *The Times* will be carrying a daily report in the Sports section of the paper.

I have mentioned several times before Weak Two openings. While not forbidden in rubber bridge it is not usual to play them in that form of the game. However, it is difficult to report any international event (or tournaments, come to that) without from time to time having to deal with them, so I give a brief description here.

First, here is a hand featuring a Weak Two.

Dealer West — Love All — IMP's

	♠AK10 ♥KQ98 ♦5 ♣AK876	
♠J54 ♥J85 ♦AJ10963 ♣2	N W E S	♠73 ♥432 ♦Q42 ♣QJ1043
	♠Q9862 ♥A107 ♦K87 ♣95	

W	N	E	S
Zia	Westra	R'berg	Leufkens
2♦	Dble	3♦	4♠
Pass	6♠	All Pass	

Contract: Six Spades by South.
Lead: ace of diamonds.

The hand was played in this year's Cap Volmac Pairs tournament (won by Zia Mahmood and Michael Rosenberg). Zia's Two Diamond opening bid was a typical Weak Two — a reasonable six-card suit and 7 high-card points.

North's Double was for take-out — the most effective use of the bid. If you have a penalty double of a Weak Two, you just have to pass and hope that your partner can re-open with a double, which you can then pass.

Rosenberg's raise to Three Diamonds was pre-emptive. It could have been made on a variety of hands. Zia was not allowed to bid again. After you have opened a Weak Two, in the vast majority of cases you should leave all further action to your partner, as you would after other pre-emptive openings.

The puzzle is how did Leufkens, a member of the Dutch team which won the Bermuda Bowl in 1993, manage to go down in Six Spades after the lead of the ace of diamonds? It looks as though he must make five tricks in spades, four in hearts, the king of diamonds and two clubs. And there is a diamond ruff available if he doesn't want to risk all on the heart break.

Might the declarer have played East for four hearts, and so finesse the ten allowing West to make the jack ? No — the declarer will find out that East has two spades and five clubs, and as he is marked with three diamonds from his raise, it follows that the hearts will be breaking — East must be 2-3-3-5. Still perplexed? The details are given at the end of the column.

Weak Twos can be thought of as a cross between a poor opening bid and a mini pre-empt. Classically they show a decent six card suit and about 6-10 points. For example:

♠KQ10842 ♥Q82 ♦53 ♣42

is a near minimum weak Two Spades. And:

♠AQ10843 ♥K4 ♦J3 ♣1063

is a maximum weak Two Spades. Some players would open this One Spade although, in my opinion, it is better to pass if you are not playing Weak Twos.

An important feature of a Weak Two is that the high cards should be concentrated in the long suit, and the hand should not have much potential in another suit. For example:

♠A87632 ♥QJ104 ♦63 ♣4

should not be opened Two Spades, as the hand is playable in hearts. In fact, poor suits headed by the ace are a strong counter-indication for opening a Weak Two - the hand will frequently play well in another strain, and in addition will have good defensive prospects against opponents' contracts.

Third-in-hand the requirements can be relaxed considerably. With

♠4 ♥KJ1063 ♦10852 ♣943

it is reasonable to open Two Hearts at favourable vulnerability after two passes.

Now back to the hand on which Leufkens went down in Six Spades. What happened was that at trick two Zia continued with a low diamond. Now consider declarer's problem. If he ruffs with the ten of spades, he may not be able to pick up Jxxx with East. So what is he to discard from dummy? Provided the clubs are no worse than 4-2 (about an 84 per cent chance, ignoring the bidding) he will always be able to establish a club for his twelfth trick. So he discarded a heart, and now after drawing trumps could no longer make the contract when the clubs broke badly. To give him his due, when Zia described the hand to me he did not claim to have foreseen the effect of his diamond continuation.

COMPUTER GAMES

THE LATEST Sim title to boast sky-rocketing sales is SimTower. Building on levels above and below a ground-floor lobby, you must pull together commerce and community to run a profitable vertical empire. Every 15 floors the skyscraper demands another lobby, but you choose the filling between these levels — residential, hotel or office accommodation, or money-spinners such as shops, cafés, and cinemas. Basement levels house parking, recycling plants and an underground station. Other purchases include elevators and security-control centres.

On the 100th floor you get to place a cathedral, but after that the sky is soon the limit. The game is released for Macintosh and IBM-compatible PC (on Windows).

As with SimCity and Sim2000, Maxis's SimTower becomes addictive to the point of obsession. But the fun fizzles out after the 99th floor, if not lower. Still, the game guarantees at least one solid week of escapism.

Etch A Sketch, for Windows 3.1 and higher, is played with a mouse, so gone are the enjoyable index-finger-and-thumb relationships of the original. Every cloud has a silver lining — in this case it is being able to draw a curve with ease. The programme includes a handful of games, as well as a doodle-it-yourself screen-saver.

Merlin's Apprentice and Tim and Bear at the Airport are CD-i titles for youngsters. Merlin is an awkward American import, but Tim and Bear has magical moments as an electronic story and colouring book dotted with interactivity.

Peter Gabriel's Xplora 1 on CD-i is a rock album with visual trickery. The third series of Rik Mayall's *New Statesman*, however, comes on a three-disc set and proves two things — that the series was genuinely funny and that the CD-i format lends itself far better to television shows than to films.

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TIM WAPSHOTT

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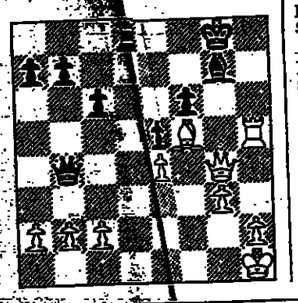
By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Petrosian - Moldageljev, USSR 1970. Here White has the chance to force a quick checkmate. Can you spot the key first move?

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Last week's solution: 1 ... Qg4+

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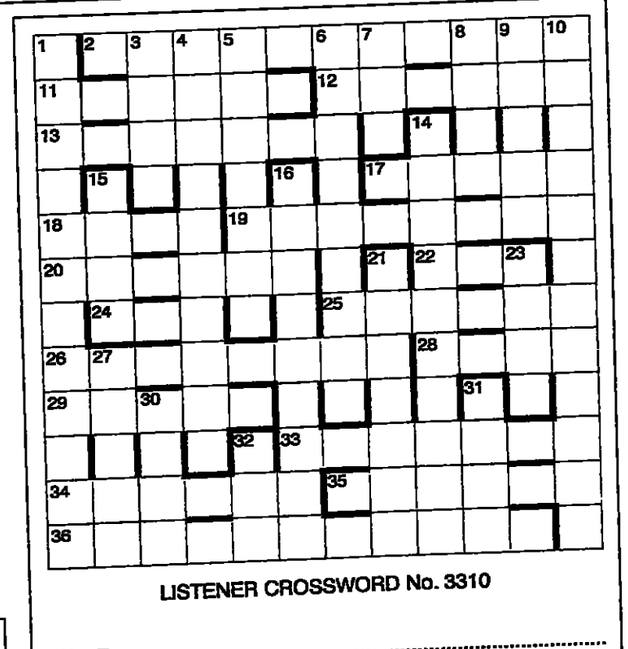


LISTENER CROSSWORD

No. 3310: TMESIS By Fawley

HALF the lights of each length from 6 to 12 letters are real words but, in a break with tradition, the word or sequence of words comprising their definition, taken as a whole, interrupts the cryptic part of the clue, rather than appearing at either end. The rest of these lights each consist of one word inside another; their clues contain, in any order, but not overlapping, definitions of both words, and a cryptic indication of the light taken as a whole. Clues to 3-, 4- and 5-letter lights contain definitions of whole words and cryptic indications of them with one letter removed for diagram entry. These sixteen letters, in clue order, spell out an appropriate colloquial "word", not in Chambers, which is nevertheless recommended.

1. People unfortunately scamped religious symbols of Easter (12)
2. Surviving, having to overcome endless profligate waste (11)
3. Saw team getting award? (4)
4. One making an effort to absorb a craft continued (10)
5. Framework set up to come down again if one leaves? (7)
6. Award a subordinate almost presented to student of local American instrument (9)
7. Horse depicted by a respected artist (3)
8. Prophet from Aegean island (4)
9. Smellier shows up in letters I sent (5)
10. Require driver to spray in lock? (12)
11. Forest-dweller prevalent over in Spain - the natural swimmer (6)
12. Centre of American war-zone in disarray (6)
13. Large bird covered in grease, one shivering, lay low at first (7)
14. Second-rate cleric caught by tabloid finished corrupt (10)
15. Faces cut in stone frieze — half by novice (4)
16. Try a little chat, perhaps, about unfinished shelf (9)
17. An animal returns fond greeting out of turn (5)
18. A nameless element, which doesn't support life (4)
19. Flier once respected choice I made to replace last of serum in case of poisoning? (8)
20. Falling about, bristly drunk hides in bishop's office (6)
21. One over the eight, a couple slipped on wet clothes at home (7)
22. Show small change, please, quoting odds (3)
23. Eats up the distance, in classic fashion (4)
24. Fellow leaves capital as a Scottish herald (3)
25. One stalks back - the object's a conflict! (6)
26. Knowing the price - the figure of 50p still possible? (8)
27. Mature in Latin and 16, perhaps? (5)
28. Short fat queen was sitting about (4)
29. Drivers make serious demands of the leader (5)
30. A silly error on boarding transport system (4)
31. English once more show spirit? (4)
32. Become bored with a beard (3)
33. Boeing left base after overhaul (7)
34. Admit aim P.O. denied — to open less (6)
35. Watches some episodes, holding most of anger back (6)
36. Fools abandon capital originally sunk into phone system (11)



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The "divide" was formed by the Straits of Gibraltar. Brewer's imagines that the GIBRALTAR side, formerly CALPE, is dedicated to HERCULES, while, in Algeria, MOUNT HACHO (formerly ABYLA), is dedicated to ASTARTE.

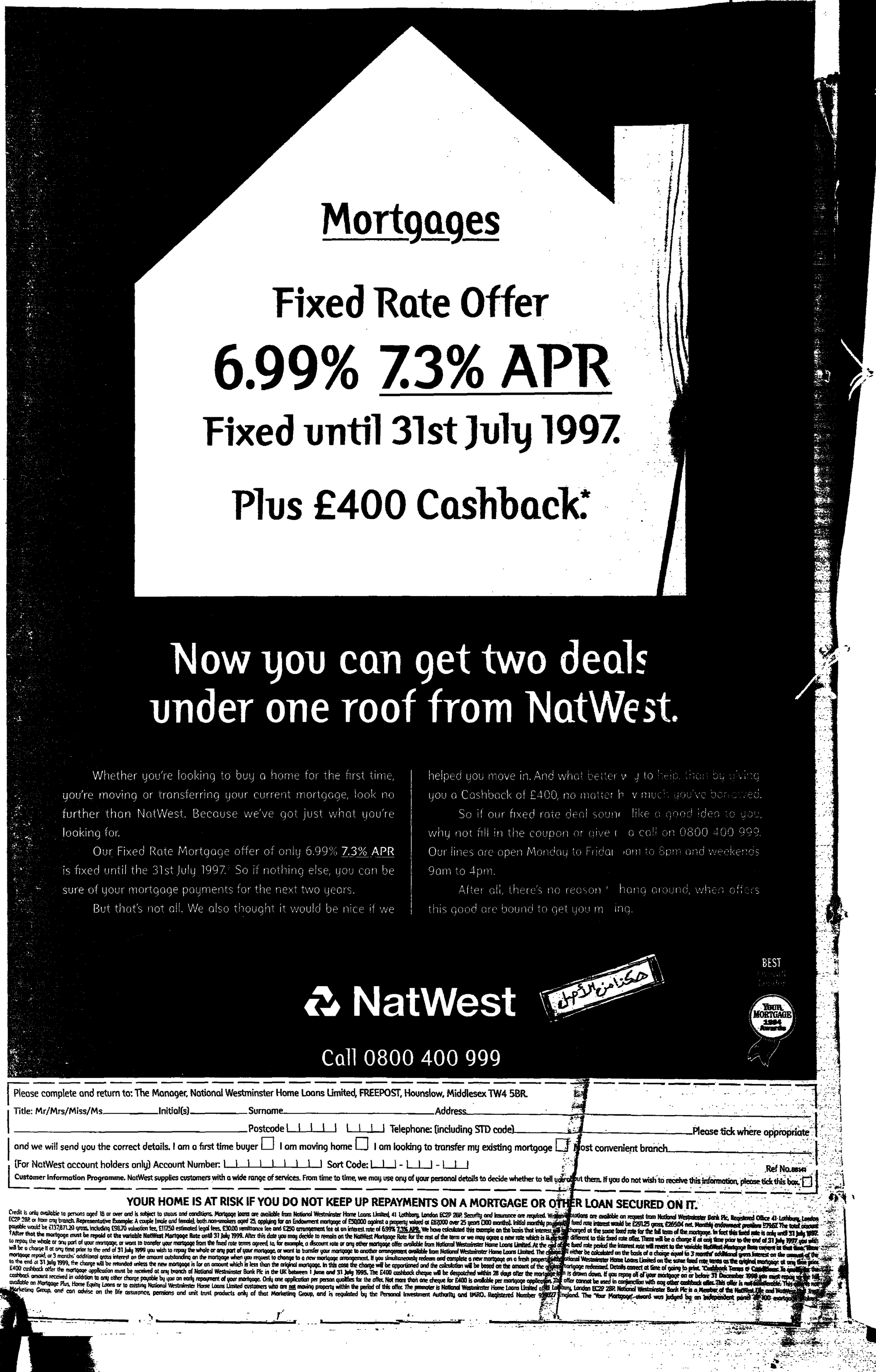
Rows: 1(M)AOIST; VA(M)OOSE.
2 IN FLIGHT; BIBEL(O)T.
3 READ REST: C(AU)SALLY.
4 (BR)ACELET: (SN)AILING.
5 RICE(RC)AR: SE(TT)LERS.
6 N(AU)SEATE: R(A)CQUET.
7 SCU(LL)ERY: QVE(RH)AUL.
8 CANISTER: (EA)IL-GATE.
9 ERASIONS: EL(EC)TRUM.
10 CH(ORED: RE(H)OUSE.
11 STREET: (O)ERGANG

Columns: 1 PIOTER. 2 NUTTER; LINES. 3 SAGES; GREED. 4 TIDE. 5 CARARE. 5 VANCES; YAMEN. 6 SETTER; GENTOO. 7 VIRUS. 8 LOS. 8 OSIER; RESIST. 9 ROARE; STATIC. 10 CABLE; QUINCE. 11 SHELL; MILIEU. 12 LIEGES

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1			O	I	S	T	V	A	O	O	S	E	M
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4	B	R	I	N	G	A	C	E	L	E	T	A	I
5	R	C	R	S	E	L	E	R	S	R	I	C	E
6	A	U	T	N	S	E	A	T	E	R	C	Q	U
7	L	L	C	U	E	R	Y	O	V	E	A	U	L
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9	A	S	L	T	R	U	M	E	R	I	O	N	S
10	R		P	E	D	R	E	O	U	S	E	C	H
11			E	R	G	A	N	G	S	T	R	E	L

The winner was Miss Z.J. Adams, of Selsdon, South Croydon. The runners-up were E.J. MacKenzie, of Romford, Essex, and C. Thompson, of Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

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